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CHARLES BUTLER AND HARRY HARRIS
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THE DENTAL ENGINE, VITALIZED AIR, GAS, AND
ALL THE MODERN IMPROVEMENTS KNOWN TO
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All calls promptly attended day and night.

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JOHN MOORE,
IMPORTER OF FOREIGN MARBLE AND GRANITE,
has now on hand a full supply of Marble
in Southern Falls and Blue; also, Granite.
A call solicited. Shop on Front Street.

Note Heads, Envelopes,
Billheads, Circulars,
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—AND—
JOB PRINTING
OF ALL KINDS, AT
LOWEST RATES,

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Notice to the Public.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING TAKEN
OUT LICENSE AS AUCTIONEER FOR THE COUNTY
OF HASTINGS IS PREPARED TO ATTEND ALL SALES
ON ANY DAY OR DAYS IN THE YEAR. THE TERMS
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THE NEWS-ARGUS OFFICE OR ADDRESSED TO ME AT
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THE NEWS-ARGUS AND WEEKLY GLOBE
FROM NOW TO THE END OF 1899 FOR \$1.50.

THE NEWS-ARGUS TO END OF 1899 AND
FAMILY HERALD AND WEEKLY STAR FOR
ONE YEAR FOR \$1.80. SUBSCRIBERS TO THE
FAMILY HERALD AND WEEKLY STAR ARE
ENTITLED TO A FREE COPY OF THE FAMOUS
BATTALION "THE THIN RED LINE," IN COL-
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THE NEWS-ARGUS TO END OF 1899 AND
WEEKLY MAIL AND EMPIRE FOR ONE YEAR
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THE NEWS-ARGUS TO END OF 1899 AND
THE DAILY EVENING STAR, TORONTO, FOR ONE
YEAR FOR \$2.00. THIS RATE ONLY FOR SUB-
SCRIPTIONS SENT IN BEFORE THE 1ST OF JANUARY.

WE WILL CLUB THE NEWS-ARGUS AND
WEEKLY WITNESS FOR \$1.65, OR NEWS-
ARGUS AND DAILY WITNESS FOR \$5.00.
THE PRICE OF THE DAILY WITNESS ALONE IS
\$6.00 PER ANNUM.



IT'S LIKE AN OLD FRIEND.

A Conversation that was Overheard the
Other Day.

I have been trying those pick-me-up Suits, because I thought they were cheap, but I find they are not so cheap after all. Everyone knows you are wearing a pick-me-up, for they never keep their shape, and I don't want any more of them when I can go to Fred Ward's and get a Suit made to fit, wear, and some Style about it for \$9.50 Cash, that will outwear two or three of them. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Try it.

YOU CAN GET GLOVES AND MITTS ANYWHERE NOW, but you can always rely on getting the best at Ward's,—and that is the reason we sell double the quantity.

TIME TO BUY FURS.—We have just received a new line of Capesines that are bound to sell. The price will sell them. Come and see them at

FRED. WARD'S,
THE PEOPLE'S TAILOR,
FURNISHER AND FURRIER.

"GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS."

You must be clothed with warmer Clothing, and for UNDERWEAR we are the head ones. CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR from the smallest to the largest, in pants and vests, both boys' and misses'. Don't be afraid to call and examine them. MEN'S UNDERWEAR.—We have been leaders for prices and quality. Prices from 25cts. up.

MEN'S OVERCOATS.—We have a few left which we are selling very cheap prices, from \$4.00 up. Balance of LADIES' JACKETS now must be cleared out to make room for Santa Claus and his very many presents.

JOB LOTS OF HATS AND WINGS.

SPECIAL SALE OF MEN'S CAPS.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY all Caps will be sold at Half-Price. Don't miss this chance. They are good value.

POULTRY.—We will buy any day of the week. Highest prices paid. Ducks ready for Stirling market.

500 bus. DRIED APPLES wanted at once. We now pay \$1.10 a bushel.

Always a Fresh Stock of GROCERIES on hand.

C. F. STICKLE.



ENGAGEMENT RINGS CHEAP.

Christmas LESS THAN 4 WEEKS AWAY.

Have you thought about your Xmas presents yet? We would be pleased to have you look through our Stock. We are sure you would be able to make a selection, as our Stock was never better than it is at present. Make your selections early, they can be put away for you, besides you have a much better choice now than later on.

W. H. CALDER,
JEWELER & OPTICIAN.

Is the place to buy.



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Is the place to buy.

On Hand To-Day.

I have just received to-day the finest line of

CROCKERY

Ever shown in Stirling. Call and see for yourself.

OUR GROCERIES

Are, as usual, the freshest and best in the market. We are leaders, and intend to sustain our reputation.

FLOUR & FEED.

Prices furnished on application. We can furnish you any quantity at any time.

JOHN SHAW,
BAKER & GROCER.

THE NEWS-ARGUS TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS

To end of Dec., 1899, for \$1.00.

Burglars at Work.

On Tuesday night last, two shops were entered and a quantity of goods taken. The store of Wm. Holden was entered, and a lot of clothing carried off. Amongst the articles taken were seven overcoats, gloves and mitts, shirts, braces, silk handkerchiefs, neckties, etc. Also, a quantity of candles, cigars, tobacco and groceries. The boot and shoe store of Martin & Reynolds was also entered, and several pairs of boots, rubbers, and other articles taken.

During the same night the horse of Robert Girdwood was taken from the stable and was driven a considerable distance, and was still wet with sweat in the morning. It is believed there is some connection between this and the burglaries committed, and that the parties who had the horse out were the ones that burglarized the stores.

Entrance was affected to the shops by opening the doors open with an iron bar, a spring tooth of a harrow being the supposed instrument.

Married yet Single.
From Our Own Correspondent.

W. C. Boardman and bride have returned to Lake when noon-day trip, and have settled down to everyday life.

We hope they may have their full share of happiness.

Although most of the cheese factories in this region have shut down, the Eclipse is still running at blast.

Walter Stewart returned from Manitoba last Sunday.

The special services that have been conducted by the Rev. Mr. Martin, of Belleville, for four or five weeks, in our church, came to a close on Friday evening.

The boys are very busy trying to shoot partridge, etc., but with poor success.

The Stirling band serenaded Walter

Boardman on Thanksgiving night and were regaled on roast turkey, cider, etc.

We are to have a change of teachers in the Public School next year.

R. W. V.

Foxboro Notes.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Cummings, of

Anson, Ont., are the guests of their

daughters, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Wickett.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stinson, of

Bethel, N. W., are in spending the

winter with their grandparents, Mr.

and Mrs. Thos. Mumby.

Miss Lucile Hubble of Belleville, spent Thanksgiving day with her parents.

Mrs. J. W. Haight, of Marmora,

spent a few days visiting friends in our village.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Gardner and Miss

Gardiner, of Belleville, spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Laird.

Omite a number of the sports of Belle-

ville were out through Foxboro hunting

on Thanksgiving day.

Miss Alice Ashley of Madoc Model

School, and Miss Echo Ashley, of Belleville, spent their Thanksgiving holidays with friends in this vicinity.

Mr. A. Dafoe has gone to Montreal

on a business trip.

The anniversary services and Thank-

offering in the South Church last Sun-

day evening, Rev. C. W.

Batch, of West Belleville church occu-

ped the pulpit in the morning, and

the Rev. Amos Campbell in the evening.

The thankoffering amounted to about

\$180.00.

Master Leo Laird fell while play-

ing Saturday, striking his lip un-
derneath an iron rod, causing a
severe wound to break in his nose.

Dr. Faulkner was quickly called in and soon

dressed the wound.

December Ladies' Home Journal.

The Christmas Ladies' Home Journal

encompasses all expectations in the variety of its literary contents, in the interest and ex-

cellence of its pictorial features, and in the wide range of articles aimed to solve the problems incidental to the holidays. There

is a notable contribution on the gift of

the Christmas Present, the Rev. C. W.

Batch, of the Christian Church, and another

reading, Washington's Christians at Val-

ley Forge.

Edward W. Emerson takes

one back to "When Louis Alcoff Was a

Girl," and gives some delightful glimpses

of her girlhood, her home and her chil-

dren. F. Hopkinson Smith's new "A. Ken-

tucky" comes out after the Jour-

nal's greatest pleasure.

It is much in the same vein as, but infinitely sweet-
er, than, "Colonel Carter, of Carterville."

Other fiction features are "Old Pugs" and

"Ardacy." "Ardacy" is a continuation of

"The Adventures of the Four Musketeers."

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As usual, the magazine is filled with

seasonable suggestions, and makes a speci-

al plea for the remembrance of those who

are alone at Christmas.

"Brightest and Best of the Sons of the

Morning" is the journal's prime feature.

"The Leader" is the musical feature of the De-

signer Journal, which is excellent from

every point of view.

By the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia.

One dollar per year; ten cents per copy.

Hugh Brown of Trenton, was arrested

on the Grand Trunk Detective Day, on

the charge of stealing money from the

body of Wm. Lunness, cattle drover, of

Toronto, who was killed in the Murray

Hill smash-up; \$956 was found on

Brown. He was remanded in the police court until further orders next.

Brown acknowledged having found the pocket-book, and hid its contents.

Cold Weather is Here.

Those who have been waiting for the

cold weather to come along before buying

their equipment, might still do so.

At the same time, the local tailors

will sell you as fine a coat as you can wish at half made-to-order

prices. This is a strong assertion, and we

are prepared to back it up. See our \$10

and \$12 overcoats.

STIRLING CASH STORE

JUST OPENED THIS WEEK

—

New Laces.

New Embroidered Handkerchiefs,

18c., 20c. and 25c.

New Lace Curtains,

30c., 60c., 75c., \$1.25.

These goods are new and natty.

—

New Raisins.

Seeded Raisins.

Cleaned Currants.

Fresh Pure Spices,

for Xmas trade.

Extra Quality Oatmeal,

10 pounds for 25cts.

—

Poultry.

We are buying, but must have good

plump Fowls. Cannot handle thin

and skinny Fowls. All Poultry must

be starved 24 hours before killing.

—

Dried Apples.

We are paying \$1.10 per bushel.

Bring them in now, for we cannot

guarantee price.

BUTTER WANTED, but must be

free from turnip taste.

—

T. G. CLUTE.

—

CROCKERY

—

I have just opened up another

large assortment of Crockery

consisting of

Fancy Dishes,

Xmas Toys,

Dinner and Tea Sets,

Water Sets,

Porridge Sets,

Salad Dishes, etc.

Call and inspect them.

—

Pork.—Long Clear Bacon

Pickled Meats, Sugar Cured

Hams, etc. Try them.

Diamond Cut Diamond

THE ROUT OF THE ENEMY.

CHAPTER IV.

"Fill up your glass, Halliday. You don't get 'em poor every day, you know, and there isn't much to tell now in the old bin. Fill up your glass, and then we can talk over this matter comfortably."

A long-sung shaded lamp threw a subdued radiance over a glassy table in the dining room of one of the largest houses in Cromwell Road. The wine decanters, of antique cut glass, stood on the table, and some old chinaware filled with nuts and winter fruits. There were also a few vases and of colored Venetian finger-bowls, whilst a few rare hot-house flowers, pink-sails and eucharis lilies in a silver bowl, were on the snow-white table that was of an antique, fineness, completed the perfect decorations of the small table. A chair, half pushed away at one side, denoted the recent departure of a lady; the serviettes softly closing the double doors behind them, and the two men, friends and partners, were alone.

Matthew Dane, the master of the house, and head of the most enterprising mercantile firm of Dane and Trichet, sat with his back to the fire-place. A strong, vigorous old man, with a hooked nose, and many sears and wrinkles in his well-marred skin, that highlighted his features, but without a white hair in his almost coal-black, straight-falling locks. Matthew Dane was a man born to rule and to command. Ready of wit, clear of speech, and expert in all that was needful for his business, he had for many years piloted the great house safely through all the storms and dangers of bad seasons, depression of trade, and failing commercial importance. Where others had been smothered in the dust of their less exalted, Matthew Dane had kept up his head—preserving, unbroken, the credit and the prestige of the splendid business which, nearly half a century ago, he had inherited from his grandfather. And when he had had his personalty since those remote ages when the French branch at Lyons, had joined hands with the London firm, thereby consolidating and strengthening it to an enormous degree. That was seen in the person of one clerk, representing an almost unheeded junior branch of the old family, had now no existence. As in London, so in Lyons, Matthew Dane was a man, and the whole business.

Matthew Dane gave him a swift and sound glance sharp as a lightning bolt, and then, with whom no one else was ashamed to be connected." And Mr. Halliday settled his chin into his collar with a little conscious pride.

"Two daughters, Mr. Dane, lovely girls, well brought up, well-educated, and with the keenest, most brilliant eyes. Nothing ever escaped him, no shade of significance, however remote, was lost upon his ready comprehension. He was master of the minds of men."

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Matthew Dane, with a smile, said, "Yes, I dare say! You have daughters, I believe?"

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upon his uncle, that the decision would finally rest with him.

"Two daughters are both. I thank God, in very good health, both are tall and comely-looking, they have brown hair, and very fine complexions. As to their character, and all the other retiring nature, what her sister told me, who is twenty-two, is of a gentle and, although equally tractable, is, nevertheless, a most amiable girl, in disposition and impulsive in manner."

"Hum—Miss Angel is a fool, I suppose," muttered old Dane.

"It seems to me, Mr. Dane," here said Halliday, "at all events, as I replied Mr. Halliday, "considering settled by the remark, "Angel is by no means deficient in talent and character; all I mean to imply was that she is less easily carried away by her feelings than Diana."

"What in the name of fortune, my good fellow," here broke in old Dane, laughing, "with a suddenly falling voice, "there is one element, which you have left out of consideration. I may be mistaken, of course—" said he, "but I called up his winged angel with his golden, winged, pointed pause, as he did so, "and in any case," he continued, with a certain timidity—real or feigned—"I, of course, have not any right to open the subject."

"Well, sir—sometimes, from force of long habit, Mr. Halliday called his chief "Sir" still—"I might remind you here is Mr. Geoffrey."

"Geoffrey! My nephew, you mean?"

"Yes, Mr. Dane."

"Pooh! What do I know about my nephew? He had set a stool in my office for two years, because my brother, a person, and an imprudent man, as all persons are, asked me to give him a berth. I gave him a stool and a salary. I know nothing about business."

"How long has Mr. Geoffrey been here?"

"Ah, we are just coming up. How long has Mr. Geoffrey been here?"

"Mrs. Dane wished me to let you know."

"At the auspicious hour?"

"The auspicious swain arrives,"

quoted the old man, gaily, with a sly smile, as he rose from the stool.

Yes, Halliday knew the man too well to be easily taken in by this apparent geniality. Mr. Dane never committed himself, and he was as uncertain as ever as to the ultimate success of the marriage scheme, which he had dared to suggest to him, and upon which hung so many ambitious dreams and hopes. The ground had been broken that was all."

Matthew Dane, with a smile, said, "My nephew, you need not be afraid to marry one of your girls, and that I should take the young couple into partnership!"

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HONOURING THE BRAVE.

LONDON HONOURS THE HEROES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

From Nelson to Kitchener—Many Embarks and Returns in British Wars—The Latest Recipients of the Cased Trophy.

The London Daily Telegraph says: Sir Herbert Kitchener, to be known henceforth as Lord Khartoum, will be presented with the sword of Honor on the 14th of next month. This is one of the many recognitions which the Sudan will receive for his memorable conduct of the campaign which restores to Egypt, under English guidance, control of the sources of the Nile. What a century in the life of Egypt is that now closing! It is just 100 years since the Corporation bestrode upon Admiral Nelson—not then raised to the Peerage—a sword of Honor for his services at the mouths of the same great river.

Generally highly distinguished military men are presented with swords as tokens of the arm of the Service to which they belong, and great naval commanders receive, like them, the Freedom of the City and the additional gift of a box enclosing to the sword.

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NELSON'S FRIEND.

Nelson's intimate friend, who was with him at his death, Captain Hardy, was not forgotten, the Corporation, who, on January 30, 1806, bestowed upon him the sword for his gallant behaviour on board the flagship, the Victory, on October 21, 1805.

But Hardy is remembered better in connection with the death of his friend than for his own undoubted valour. It was always, as Soult says, Lord Nelson's desire that the British fleet should be distinguished by humanity in the victory he expected at Trafalgar.

He set an example, and, in a short time, all ceased firing upon the French ship Redoubtable, believing as she did not return his fire, that she had struck.

It was upon this ship the man was standing, who mortally wounded him. As Nelson fell he said, "They have done their duty."

"I hope not," replied the young captain. "Yes, my backbone is shot through," continued the Admiral, and he covered his face and breast with his handkerchief, and burst into tears.

"I have done my duty," he said to the surgeon, and insisted that others of whom there was hope should be attended to. His last words were, "Thank God, I have done my duty."

WELLINGTON.

Upon this fall the Duke of Wellington early occupies a place. In 1812 he received a sword of Honor, and the action of the Corporation was only expressive of the national enthusiasm. It was in the same year that the Duke of Wellington, who had distinguished himself at the battle of Waterloo, was made a Freeman of the City and presented with a sword in recognition of his gallant conduct of the battle of Waterloo.

For 13,000 men in all, he prepared to attack the French at Waterloo, and with 15,000 troops, Sir John Moore had likewise landed in Portugal with a view to effecting a junction with the Duke, then Sir Arthur Wellesley, who had been sent to Portugal to command the army.

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ship of Burrard, and the diplomatic service which had allowed him to lose his life in the field. An inquiry took place at home which conclusively demonstrated the superior generalship of Wellesley. As to the conduct of the battle, it was agreed that Sir Arthur Wellesley had been greatly assisted by General Gordon, who had been given sole command of the Peninsular War.

There is no need to recall the course of the battle, which marked the course of the Peninsular War.

Wellesley descended into France, conquering his way to Paris, and, after a long and difficult engagement, he was given the sword of Honor for his services at the battle of Waterloo.

He was under canvas then, showing three times a day, and moving curiously, and we were to be tolerable busy, and we really hadn't time to give such attention as we ought to the burying of what had been, after the great giraffe, our very greatest attraction.

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Upon Baron Clyde, better known as Sir Colin Campbell, was conferred, particularly for his decisive operations at Lucknow.

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TOLD BY THE TIGUS MAN.

What Happened When Finally The Great Cat of All Giants Died.

"I never told you the exact height of the great giant—what's the use?" said the old, crusty man. "You would not believe it if I did; as I've said before, it would only make you say 'what's the use?' but you can form some sort of an idea about it from these things that I've told you and from what I'm going to tell you now about his death and burial because in the course of time he died."

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WRECKED AND STARVING.

Seven Seamen Live for Twenty-three Days on Three Fish and Sea Weeds.

Captain George C. Benner, of the wrecked three-masted schooner, Jennie F. Willey, from Jacksonville to Martinique, and his crew of six men who were landed at Quarantine, New York, on Sunday, by the steamer Saratoga suffered greatly from hunger before rescued. Their vessel ran into a hurricane on September 30. It was not long before she was a wreck. Her masts went overboard and her deck load was drifting in all directions. When the storm subsided it was found that the vessel was completely water-logged and there was no apparent chance of rescue. The water casks had been washed away and there was nothing to eat.

The pangs of hunger soon struck them. They took the pine out of their clothing and made hooks of them. They secured a line by raveling a piece of sail cloth, and after two days' fishing they managed to hook a small fish. This the Captain ordered cut up into equal parts and each man received an equal share. The fish was devoured at once.

The agony that we suffered," he continued, "none can ever know unless he has had a similar experience. For eleven hours I sat in a drizzling rain with my rubber coat spread out on me, up to my waist in the awful things that seemed to consume me. My lips were cracked and parched, and the blood was running from the cracked trichinæ down my face and legs would be paralyzed from keeping them in one position so long, and yet I waited for the rain to fill the receptacle in my lap."

"After three days I had collected but two pinhead-sized fish, when I dried them and after a day or two, when a sprinkle would come, I used the rubber coat to catch what water we could, and the little we caught by that means was soon gone.

SOME POSSIBILITIES OF RAGS.

When one has more leisure and energy than money, she can get "a deal of comfort" and satisfaction from her rag-bag.

Begir with the silk scraps. Cut these like carpet rags from one-quarter of an inch to one inch in width, and sew the ends together on the machine, lapping and stitching without breaking the thread, cutting apart when all are sewed; or tying them by lapping the ends, cutting a small slit, as if for a button-hole, and drawing one end through.

Have the carpet-weaver arrange the warp, red dark warp is most desirable, in clusters of four threads, as close together as possible, with spaces of one inch between the clusters. These are handsome in all "hit-and-miss" or "Roman stripes"—that is, each color sewed and bound by itself, and woven in stripes of irregular width; or they may be combined, using the hit-and-miss, which produces a neutral effect, for the main portion of the curtain, with stripes in rich dark colors for the dado. The striped ones give quite an oriental aspect by inter-weaving an occasional row of heavy tinsel, being careful not to overdo it, or the effect will be tawdry. Have the ends of the warp carefully tied and clipped; then cut up from the bottom of each curtain four inches in the space between the clusters of four threads, and the result is a very novel and effective fringe. By exercising judgment and taste in combining the colors, you will have a pair of portieres, curtains or a couch cover handsome enough for either city or country house, warranted to outwear the owner, and in these days of lavish use of silk for shirt-waists, petticoats, linings etc., not difficult to procure. A ball weighing one pound will make one square yard. The ordinary handloom will weave one yard and four inches wide.

There has been something of a revival of rag carpets, or, rather, rag rugs; woven exactly like the old-fashioned rag carpets, and at springs and seashores last summer, the preparation of these rugs took the place of the ubiquitous "fancy work."

I have seen quite artistic small rugs. One of these, for a Delft room, was entirely of white cotton rags, with the exception of a small border of black and white warp; this rose-color was made by dyeing white cotton rags with Diamond dyes, and was intended for a bedroom, which had pink draperies, and one of scarlet with black warp, made from a lot of old bunting that had been used for decorating at a church fair.

The white rugs can be put into the wash-tub when soiled. Diamond dyes will color one to change one's own color, and the color of the rags will be lost. The soft all-wool rug, cashmere, hemeritas, flanneles, choosing rather darker colors, and woven like the above, are an economical addition to a bedroom, saving the carpet in those much-used spots in front of bureau and washstand.

One lady of my acquaintance had several old ingrain carpets thin and ragged. She paid a colored woman a dollar and a half to cut the strips half inch wide, and had them woven with dark-blue warp, which mingled with the warm reds, browns and yellows if the carpet equalled, in beauty of coloring, a Turkish rug. The twenty yards of carpet cost her six dollars and a half. Another one had a pair of dark tan chenille portieres with dull red borders, which had pulled into holes; these she had cut into stripes, and the three yards of carpet made a pretty rug for a sofa passage.

So, if you have been a few pence, what may, with a little effort, be made into a thing of beauty, and a joy for, almost, ever.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Few things are more displeasing to wash than cut glass. The crevices so readily secrete dust where it is hard to get at. By washing the whole with hot suds and scrubbing with a moderately stiff brush, however, then rinsing in warm water and wiping dry with tissue paper, the work will be done very satisfactorily.

Are you ever annoyed by having your gloves and forks in daily use? If so, learn this: when strong benzine water—several hours, the water being at boiling point when they are inserted

in a peeling onion, rub the hands on a stick of salicyl, if you wish to banish the smell of the former.

Don't be afraid of purchasing coffee enough to last six months or a year. Get it when kept in a cool, dry place, improvement—*that* is, if it has not been browned.

In mixing mustard for table use, never add vinegar, since this destroys its life and flavor. Use hot water for moistening it, rather, having the water at the time of using only blood warm.

Remember that iron and polished steel, when not in use, may be kept from rusting by wiping with a cloth which had a little kerosene been poured.

Never pat and smooth down mashed potatoes. Doing so makes them heavy.

To renovate varnished paints, save some tea leaves for a few days, steep them in a tin pail for half an hour, then strain through a sieve and use the tea for cleansing the paint. Owing to the fact that the tea acts as a pain killer, it makes the pain nearly equal to new paint appearance. Don't, however, make the mistake of washing unvarnished paints with it.

In boiling catup or custard, boil the works, and white hot press them into the bottles, which, on the cork, cooling, will be tightly sealed. Utilize

the tin foil from compressed yeast, or anything else of a cleanly nature, for covering the works, and you have the most perfect seal.

A kitchen, to be up to date, should contain a small table about the height of the range or stove, to serve as a resting place for utensils when omelets, griddle cakes and such like are being cooked, or when a meal is to be served.

If you would have a new broom last well and at the same time be pleasant to use, immerse it in boiling water, leaving until quite cold, then thoroughly dry it in the sun. The pitch is freed from moisture of a broom adds to its usefulness, and also saves the carpet.

Don't forget that one of the best contrivances for keeping knives, forks and tablespoons in is a pocket tacking-up pocket, you do. Make a small bag of cloth with red organza-flannel and stitch small divisions to fit each article. Thus "put up," they will keep bright and clean, for the organza-flannel must be washed all moisture that may be left on them.

To avoid any unpleasantness to the eyes when peeling onions, while doing it in a draft of air, as by an open window or door. If this is an impossibility, then hold the knife, onion and hands under water.

If ever you are so unfortunate as to have a very bad ink stain occur on a carpet of very delicate colors, rub it with buttermilk, and when the stain is almost effaced, wash the place with a cloth wrung out in boiling water without soap. This done, cover the spot with a dry cloth, and so let it remain a day.

HOW TO REMOVE STAINS.

Tea and coffee usually readily yield to the purifying influence of boiling water poured through the fabrics; so, too, do some fruit stains. An application of lemon juice and salt, with good sun exposure, is an old and in many instances an effective remedy. Grass stains usually can be removed by dipping in a cloth, and an application of a paste made of cream of tartar wet up with water will remove them when alcohol will not. So, too, cream of tartar and water will remove iron mold spots, drying on the grass in the sun. If one application does not remove, repeat. Soaking in sour milk over night will usually remove ink stains, while the juice of a ripe tomato is useful in removing stains from the hands. Kerosene will clean many stains from oil cloth, brass or copper. Surfaces that would be marred by soap can often be nicely cleaned with kerosene, followed by an application of hot soap suds. But my standby when all other remedies fail to successfully remove stains from white fabrics is javalle water. It is easily made, and once used no housekeeper will be without it. The formula is as follows: Four lbs. bicarbonate of soda, 1 lb. chloride of lime, 1 lb. salt, 1 lb. oil of lavender, water, place over the heat and boil 15 minutes, then stir in the chloride of lime until thoroughly dissolved. Allow to cool and settle, then strain through cloth, bottle and set aside to soak water, then add water, stain and soak water, then dip up and down until the spot disappears, then wash as usual.

Do not use on colored materials, as it will destroy color. It will remove stains better than any other preparation we ever tried. One teaspoonful of oil of liquid to a boiler of water whitens clothes.

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Agricultural

BEST ROTATION FOR A STOCK FARM.

Nearly always in the run of a series of crops, the rotation meets with some difficulties in any system of rotation that he may adopt. The section of country in which the farmer has his farm, the climate and the crops grown have much to do with the rotations most advisable for him to follow. In sections where corn can be successfully grown, clover will be equally successful, and these two should always be a part of the rotation. With these a third and even fourth crop may come in as the farmer desires. If clover, wheat and corn are used, a three-year rotation must be followed, allowing one year to each crop. This is probably as short a rotation as can be successfully used.

If Timothy is sown with the clover to occupy the land at the same time, the clover and Timothy may be allowed to occupy the land two years, but we doubt very much whether the stock farmer will find Timothy a satisfactory feed for his growing stock.

Clover is much the better for all growing stock. Where oats can be successfully grown the rotation can be lengthened one year by following corn with oats, following oats with wheat and sowing the clover in the spring after the wheat is sown. This four-year rotation requires the plowing of the land twice, while the three-year rotation only requires the land to be turned once with the breaking plow.

It should be remembered that if Timothy is used in the rotation, it is a surface feeder, as it were, a robber plant that may not return to the stock farmer a just compensation. When the farmer has this land that he wishes to improve can be used the system of growing clover starting the clover in the rye, and "hogging the rye," instead of harvesting it. The next year the volunteer rye and clover will give a wonderful amount of feed. This way the growth of two seasons is returned to the land. The farmer is returned to the land that he wishes to improve can be used the system of growing clover starting the clover in the rye, and "hogging the rye," instead of harvesting it. The next year the volunteer rye and clover will give a wonderful amount of feed. This way the growth of two seasons is returned to the land. 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There are now 90 men working at the gold mine in Clarendon, the northernmost township of Frontenac. Seventy are working at the gold vein and others are putting up mills and roasters. There are night and day gangs, and plenty of gold ore is being mined. They expect to have the mills for the free-milling process ready in three or four weeks. The mine is owned by a company with Mr. Boeth, a wealthy resident of Detroit, at its head, and is about 19 miles from the Kingston and Pembroke track. A short distance from the Boeth mine is a mine worked by an Ottawa company. They are sinking two shafts. The quartz which they find is mixed with copper, gold and silver.

Dr. Eames, mining engineer, is at present opening up a new gold mine in Frontenac County, seventeen miles west of Clarendon Station. He has a force of eighty men at work. Fifty of them are working on the construction of necessary buildings, the balance being engaged in actual mining. A furnace house, 35 x 100 feet, and a stamp mill, 30 x 60 feet, are almost completed, and a boarding-house, containing twenty-five rooms, is under way. Dr. Eames says the ore is very rich, having assayed \$600, \$800 and \$900 to the ton. He tried to interest local capitalists but without success, so he secured the aid

of American capitalists, who subscribed stock to the amount of \$1,500,000, with a paid-in capital of \$120,000. Dr. Eames has guaranteed to yield 10 per cent, on the total subscribed capital, which can be done even if the ore does not yield more than \$40 to the ton.

Secretary Long, of the United States navy, in his annual report, made public on Friday, asks for fifteen more warships at a total cost of over \$80,000,000.

It is stated that between twelve and thirteen million bushels of grain were shipped over the Ottawa, Arnprior and Grand Trunk railway during the past season, besides over 100,000 tons of package freight.

Lord Minto has purchased from D. Beath, M. P., Bowenville, the first prize carriage team that won such admiration at the Ottawa exhibition. They stand 15.2 and are a very showy span of mares. The price is \$1,000.

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PERSONALS.

THE NEWS-ARGUS invites the contribution of all items of personal interest, etc. Please notify the editor, or leave the manuscript in care of Miss May Hayden.

Mrs. G. Hornung, Hastings, has been visiting her brothers and sister in town during the past week.

Mr. Jas. Dunn, of the Ontario office, and Misses Mahoi, Tuguet and Annie Covert, of Belleville, spent Thanksgiving Day in town, and on Saturday last.

Mr. H. L. Boldrick, of Osgoode Hall, Toronto, and Mr. Ernest Mickleborough, of St. Thomas, spent Thanksgiving with the former's parents here, and returned on Saturday afternoon.

Messrs. Wilbur and John Gordon, of Tweed, and Misses Effie and Jessie Wright, of Gordon, and Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, of Belleville, spent Thanksgiving Day with relatives and friends in town.

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Miss Connie Thompson, of Kildair, arrived in town on Thanksgiving Day on a train from St. Marys, and is spending her holidays here.

Misses Ross and Cora Vandervoort and Miss M. B. Graham, of Campbellford, were visiting friends in town on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Doak and daughter of Sirling, were the guests of Mrs. J. S. Farley on Thursday last, at Roslin, Cor. Tweed N. S.

Mr. Hobart Crosby left for Tweed last week to attend the session of day operator on the C.P.R. at that place.

Messrs. Morden Bird and H. S. Ferguson were in Tweed on Wednesday last.

Miss Sophie Sparrow has recovered from an attack of pleurisy which confined her to her room last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Johnston went to Trenton on Saturday, where Rev. Mr. Johnson, present minister of the United Church, preached on Sunday, returning home on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Johnston remained, and is visiting friends in Trenton. J. S. Farley was with her.

Miss Edith Wessel of Trenton, is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Miss Jessie Pearce and Miss Anna Wessel spent Thanksgiving at the home of Miss Pearce in Marquette.

Mr. Frank Joyce returned to Stirling on Wednesday from Winnipeg.

Miss Ethel Anderson intends leaving for Toronto on Saturday, to enter a hospital there as a nurse.

Mr. Thos. Tulloch has returned from a three months' trip to Manitoba.

Miss McComb, accompanied by her friends, left for the United States a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shaw, of Scharle, Prince Edward Co., and Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Shaw, of Campbellford, spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw in St. Marys.

Mr. Wm. MacIntosh, Inspector, paid a visit to Stirling Public School on Tuesday last, the first since his recent illness. We are pleased to see him around again, though he has not yet fully regained his former strength.

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Improved Clothing.

It is hardly fair to compare the ready-made clothing of to-day with the ready-made clothing of even a few years ago. Rapid advancement has been made, and it is great fun to see what has been done in the market.

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Under By-Law No. 191, passed by the Rawdon Town Council, the south half of the original site of the town is reserved for road for road between Lots 18 and 19 in the Second Concession of the aforesaid Township, (excepting that portion occupied by the Grand Trunk Railway), to be offered for sale at Public Auction by Wm. Rodgers, a Licensed Auctioneer for the County of Hastings, on Wednesday, the 14th day of December, at 3 o'clock p.m. The lots will be sold in pairs, and balance in ten days thereafter, each subject to being confirmed by a By-Law to be passed by the County Council at the December Session A. D. 1898.

THOS. H. MCCONNELL, Township Clerk.

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NOTICE.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On account of the illness of Mr. Montgomery, we have resorted to the Stirling Steam Laundry, and kindly ask our patrons to send their parcels in before Wednesday morning, as I am only going to wash on Wednesday of each week.

M. HICKEY.

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NOTICE.

I will be at L. Melkjohn's store, Stirling, every Saturday afternoon, to receive Taxes.

J. T. COOK, Collector, Township of Rawdon.

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THE TORPEDO BOAT.

She's a floating boiler crammed with fire and steam. A toy, with dainty works like any watch, a working, weaving basket of tricks—Eyes, nose, can and lever, cog and nutch. She's a dashing, lashing, tumbling steel. A beastly, kicking, nervous, plunging horse. A long, lean ocean liner-trimmed down small; A man, a broncho harnessed for the east. She can rear and toss and roll. Your body from your soul, And she's most unpliant yet—to any the least!

But her slip in, sneaking down straight All is hellish, deadly, sin—satan! Watch her gather for the rush and catch her breath! See her dodge the wakful critter's sweep. Hear the hum! Hear the hum! Hear the coming, com-ing fast! (This is the sound which makes men wish her rattling Maxim, barking rapid fire! See her boom out through the fog with bows!

Then some will wish for land.

(They'd be sand fleas in the sand, Or yellow grubs reposing in the loam!)

She's a floating boiler crammed with fire and steam. A dainty toy, with works just like a watch. A waving, working, stomper at toy notch. She's a dandy, a dandy, a dandy case (Not the unison, but the awful—plain in sight). The dread that must be halted when afar. She's a concentrated, frantic form of might! She's a beast, with teeth and claws! With a rending, deadly sting. And she makes no odds nor quarter in the fight!

—McClure's Magazine

THE LEG.

In the autumn of the year 1783 M. Louis Thévenet, one of the most eminent surgeons in California, sent a written but unsigned request to come to the next day to a small, two-story house not far from the town on the road to Paris. He was asked to bring with him the instruments necessary for an amputation.

Thévenet was known far and wide for skill in his profession. It was indeed no uncommon thing for him to be called in consultation to England. He had served long in the army. There was something bearish in his manner, yet it was impossible not to love him for his goodness of heart.

He wondered a good deal over the letter. Time, place and hour were designated with the greatest exactness, but there was no sort of signature.

"Some fool is trying to send me on a wild goose chase," thought he and did not go.

Three days later he received the same request in yet more pressing terms, with the addition that at 6 o'clock the next day a carriage would stop for him at the door. And at the stroke of 9 next morning there appeared at the door a handsome open carriage.

He made no further objection, but got into it, saying to the coachman, "To whom are you taking me?"

The man answered in English, "With things unknown to me I am not concerned."

"You are a rascal," retorted the surgeon.

The carriage stopped at length before a country villa.

"Who lives here? Who is ill here?"

Thévenet asked again, but he received the same reply.

At the house door he was met by a hand-some young man, perhaps eight and twenty years of age, who conducted him up the stairway and into a large apartment. His accent betraying that he was a Briton, Thévenet addressed him in English.

"It is you who have sent for me?" he said.

"I am very grateful for the trouble you have taken on my account," replied the young fellow, "Pray be seated. Here are chocolate, coffee, wine in case you desire some refreshment before the operation."

"First show me the invalid, sir. I must examine the injury to see whether amputation is necessary."

"It is necessary, M. Thévenet. Be seated. I have every confidence in you. Listen, M. Thévenet. There are 100 guineas in your pocket. It is your right to demand the operation you are about to undertake. If you accomplish it successfully, there is nothing more to be said. In the opposite case, or if you refuse, here is a loaded pistol. You are in my power, and—d—n, but I'll—"

"Sir, I am not afraid of your pistol. But what do you want? Out with it, without preface! What am I to do here?"

"You must cut off my right leg."

"With all my heart, sir, and your heart, if you wish. But if I am not mistaken, your leg seems to be perfectly sound. You run with the steps like a rope-dancer. What a spry leg you have!"

"Nothing. But I wish to be rid of it."

"Sir, you are a fool!"

"That need not trouble you, monsieur."

"I have that handsome leg snatched away."

"In no way. But have you made up your mind to rid me of it?"

"Sir, I do not know you. At least bring me witnesses that you are otherwise of sound mind."

"You fulfill my request, M. Thévenet."

"Yes, sir, as soon as you give me reasonable grounds for thus malining you."

"I cannot now tell you the truth—perhaps after a year. But I will wager, sir, I will wager that at the end of that time you yourself will confess that my reasons were not solid."

"I will wager nothing unless you tell me your name, your residence, your occupation!"

"You shall know all hereafter. I beg you to be a man of honor."

"A man of honor does not threaten his physician with pistol. I have no objection toward you, a stranger. I will not cripplify you unnecessarily. If you wish to become the assassin of an innocent man, then shoot me."

"Cripplify, monsieur!" said the Briton, picking up the pistol. "I will not shoot you, but I will force you nevertheless to take off my leg. What you will not do out of kindness for me or from desire of reward, or from fear of a bullet, you must do for me out of pity."

"I will maim you! I will maim you! Only answer me one question. Will you needlessly increase and lengthen my suffering?"

"Sir, you are a fool! But I will do your will. I will take your leg off."

Everything was made ready for the

operation. As soon as it began the Englishman lit his pipe and swore it should not go out. He kept his word. The leg lay dead on the floor, and he continued to smoke.

Thévenet finished the business like a workman. The invalid was hoisted in a remarkable manner. He lay back. He paid no heed to the scenes which he treated with indifference. The day, thank him, had been with tears of joy for the loss of his leg and saluted for England with a wooden leg.

Some weeks after his departure from England he received a letter from England whose contents were as follows:

Please accept enclosed draft for 500 guineas. You have made me the happiest mortal on earth by freeing me from the limb which was the curse of my life. I have been told that you shall know now the cause of my foolish whim, as you termed it. You believed then that the amputation was a mortal sin, but I must confess I offered to bet with you. You did not take it. After my second return from the East Indies I became acquainted with the most eminent physicians and surgeons in the world. I adored her.

My relatives were attracted by her property and her family, but I only by her beauty and especially discretion.

I joined the throng of her admirers. Ah, my dear Thévenet, I was happy enough to become the lover of a woman who had lost me all men. She did not disbelieve me. She rejected me for that very reason. In vain I begged her to let me go, and my friends begged her to forgive me. She remained immovable. For a long time I failed to guess the reason of her aversion to my winter call.

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CANADA.

The cost of the recent plebiscite in Hamilton amounted to about \$1,300.

Lord Minto has consented to become Patron of the Amateur Skating Association.

John Torrance, of Montreal, has subscribed \$30,000 towards the building of St. James' Methodist church there.

HAMILTON Police Commissioners have finally refused the Vernal Transfer Company's application for a license.

Bellefonte ratepayers have voted in favour of the by-laws to banish the carpet-beaters and rolling mills there.

Tragically, the Canadian High Commissioner in London, has arrived at Ottawa on a brief visit.

Mr. Thomas McDougall of Hamilton was killed by the accidental discharge of his gun while duck-shooting on the bay.

The body of Samuel Burns has been found in a swamp near his home at Weymouth, N.S. Foul play is suspected.

English bondholders of Winnipeg's water-works system have accepted \$37,000, the city's offer for the whole system.

Mr. James Marshall struck a blow of national gas while drilling a well on Mr. Wm. Bethune's farm, near Ryckman's Corners on Wednesday.

The Elder-Dempster Co., is increasing its Montreal Atlantic fleet by the addition of six new vessels now in course of construction.

P. A. Sinclair, law student of Winnipeg, is reported to have fallen heir to an estate worth several millions, by the death of his uncle in New York.

The annual exhibition of the Ontario and Toronto Poultry Associations in connection with the American Poultry Association will be held in Toronto in June.

J. H. and O. Glass, commercial travellers of London, lost all their samples and personal effects in the fire which destroyed the C. P. R. station at Virden, Man.

The Government has decided to extend clemency in the case of Henry Davidson, who was sentenced to be hanged on December 13 for murder in Antigonish County, N.S.

John Medland, an employee of the Karr Organ and Piano Company, at Woodstock, was arrested there on a charge of ill-treating his four-year-old wife, Charles Skeates.

Five shares of the Bank of New Brunswick stock, par value, one hundred dollars each, were sold at auction in the Journal on Tuesday for \$300.50 per share. The highest figure heretofore reached was \$280.

The Winnipeg section of the Canadian Bankers' Association has adopted an emphatic protest against the city of Brandon pursuing any course which would lead to a repudiation by the city of its financial obligations.

Mrs. Thompson of Hamilton was attacked by a crow in front of her house on Wednesday. She was hit on the horns of the cow and thrown over its head, and was in danger of being seriously injured when rescued.

The Locomotive Works of Kingston have now thirteen engines under contract, two buildings for the Intercolonial R. R., six for the C.P.R. Company, and five more have been ordered by Hon. Mr. Blair for the Government railway.

Galician detectives are now engaged in the work of unearthing the Stuart-burns Manitoba murder mystery, in which the son and his four children were found slaughtered. A bloodstained coat has been found some distance from the house.

The Stevens' Manufacturing Company's building at London was damaged to the extent of \$10,000 by fire on Saturday night. During the blaze some of the men were called off their beats, and burglars took advantage of the occasion by robbing about half a dozen places.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Recent gales caused serious floods in Ireland.

The latest vagary of fashion in London is monocles for women.

Sir John Goldie-Taunham, Speaker of the House of Commons since 1867, is dead at London.

The American trans-Atlantic line has ordered six twin screw liners from firms at Newcastle and the Clyde.

Sir John Fowler, who was engineer-in-chief of the Forth Bridge, for which he was created baronet, is dead at London.

Sims Reeves has completed his treatise on the art of singing, in which he expounds the secrets of the old Italian methods.

Rev. Dr. Kane, rector of Christ's Church, Belfast, and Grand Master of the Belfast Orangeman, is dead from a stroke of apoplexy.

Japan's famous Kasagi, built by the Cramps, of Philadelphia, is at Shields, Eng., en route to Newcastle to ship her Armstrong guns.

British exports for the year ending with October, decreased \$10,000,000, chiefly, it is said, through the alteration in the S. tariff.

It is announced that Sir Thomas J. Lipton will convert his tea, coffee and provision business in the United States into a stock company in February.

One hundred and forty-four baskets of the fragments that remained from the Lord Mayor's banquet on November 10, were distributed among an equal number of aged persons.

The British Government, which had a generous sum to the Mansion House fund of \$220,000 for the relief of the distress and damage caused by the recent hurricane in the West Indies.

Anonymous donors have paid to the Official Receiver in Bankruptcy the cost of the gold communion plate which

Mr. Ernest T. Hooley, who is now in the Bankruptcy Court, presented to Paul's Cathedral.

The British Government has decided to make a general grant for the relief of the distress and damage caused by the recent hurricane in the West Indies. The Mansion House fund for this purpose is inadequate, only £44,000, being received.

Right Hon. Charles T. Ritchie, discussing the subject of British trade before the Croydon Chamber of Commerce, regretted that the exports of the year ending with October had increased \$2,000,000, chiefly through the alteration in the United States tariff.

Statistics show a decided increase in the consumption of meat in Great Britain. In the year 1861 it was raised to 112 to 100 pounds per annum. This is supposed to be due to the vast importations of frozen meats from Australia, and live cattle from America.

The Duke of Portland, in which a Ms. D. contains the Duke's letter to his son, has taken a sensational turn through a decision of the court permitting the exhumation of the alleged remains of his father-in-law, known as The Duke of Portland, held by the court to be the fifth Duke of Portland. A post-mortem has been appointed to bring the reply back.

Lapland has just begun to publish its first newspaper. It is dated in a town with an unpronounceable name, is written upon a single sheet, and is issued every even day.

Electric tram lines have been laid over a portion of the street car system in Liverpool, and experimental cars have been run, though the route is not yet open for public use.

Mr. Jameson, of Liverpool, has been sentenced to two months imprisonment for making fun of a portrait of Emperor William displayed in a store window at Breslau.

A London medical paper has solemnly warned its readers not to wear leather hats or coats after a recent leather harbour mice, which prey on the feet of the wearer.

The Liberte, of Paris, says that the winner of the capital prize of \$100,000 francs at the last drawing of Paris Exposition bonds of 1900, is a chimney sweep named Louis Hervieu, living at Coton.

The former Spanish cruiser Maria Teresa, which was put out of business at Santiago, and afterwards raised to be towed to New York, has become a total wreck on Cat Island, and has been abandoned.

The number of fires in Paris during the year 1897 was 1,190, and the loss of the year 1897 was 1,190, and the loss of life was 135, all but five of the deaths having occurred in the fire of the Charley Bazaar.

The projected birthday audience of the Dowager Empress of China has been raised owing to the difficulties raised by the Chinese in regard to ceremonial matters.

The rebellion of the native forces in the Spanish military service on the Visayas Island, has been subdued. Twenty-five rebels were captured and six were sentenced to imprisonment for life with hard labour.

Attorneys for the defendant in the case in the Circuit Court at Anderson, Ind., insist on the right to present and argue their side of the suit in poetry. The judge pending an adjournment, is looking up precedents.

Beams—Demand limited, Choice hand-picked beams, \$1 at \$10.00, and common at \$7 to 75¢ per bush.

Dried apples—Unchanged. Dealers pay \$1.25 to 1 for car lots, and mixed lots, \$1.25 to 12 for small lots, \$1.25 to 24. Evaporated, 8 to \$1.25 for small lots.

Honey—About steady. Round lots of choices delivered here, will bring about \$1.25 to 6¢; dealers quote from 10 to 12 per lb. for 10 to 60 lb. tins, and common at around \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen sections.

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Father Felix, at Mount Carmel in the Holy Land, has been captured by Bedouins. He was twenty years a resident of London. He was the first head of the Carmelite Monastery in Kensington.

The food of the Sultan of Turkey is prepared by one man. It is cooked in silver vessels, and sealed in horned leather cases, which are opened in the presence of His Majesty by the High Chamberlain, who takes a spoonful of each viand.

The Sultan has ordered the closing of an orphanage at Zeitung, which shelters sixty homeless victims of the Armenian troubles. The institution is nobly managed by American missionaries, and is chiefly supported by British charity.

The French Government proposes to sell for building purposes the chateau and park Villeneuve-l'Etang, near St. Cloud, where Napoleon III. and the Empress passed their brief reign.

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INTERESTING DOCUMENT.

IT IS SAID TO BE THE WILL OF PETER THE GREAT.

The Course the Great Czar Wished His Successors to Take in Order to Acquire Universal Dominion—Genuineness of the Will is Disputed.

The copy of the will of Peter the Great is taken from "The Merchant's Guardian," of London, England, who received it from a London publisher. We have not before met with it in print, but we print it here that it may be read with particular interest in connection with the present Czar's suggestion for universal disarmament. It is only fair, however, to point out, as is shown in the footnote, that the genuineness of the will is disputed.

WILL OF PETER THE GREAT
(In which he prescribes to his successors the course which they ought to follow in order to acquire universal dominion)

"In the name of the most holy and invisible Trinity, we, Peter the Great, unto all our descendants and successors to the throne and government of the Russian nation.

"The All-Powerful, from whom we hold our life and our throne, after having revealed unto us his wishes and intentions, and after being our support, permit us to look upon Russia as called upon to establish her rule over all Europe. This idea is based upon the fact that all the nations of this portion of the globe are approaching a state of utter decrepitude. From this it results that they can be easily conquered by a new race of people when it has attained full power and strength. We look upon our invasion of the West and the East as a decree of Divine Providence which has already regenerated the Roman Empire by an invasion of barbarians.

"The emigration of men from the North is like the inundation of the Nile, which at certain seasons enriches with its waters the arid plains of Egypt. We found Russia a small rivulet when we left it an immense river. Our successors will make of it an ocean, destined to fertilise the whole of Europe, if they know how to guide its waves. We leave them, then, the following instructions, which we earnestly recommend to their constant meditation—

1. To keep the Russian nation in constant warfare, in order always to have good soldiers. Peace must only be permitted to remit the finances. To recruit the army, choose the moment favourable for attack. Thus peace will advance your projects of war, and war those of peace, for obtaining the enlargement and prosperity of Russia.

2. Draw unto you, by all possible means from the civilized nations of Europe, captains during war, and learned men during peace, so that Russia may benefit by the advantages of other nations.

3. Take care to mix in the affairs of all Europe, particularly of Germany, which, being the most powerful to you, deserves your chief attention.

4. Divide Poland, by raising up continual disorders and jealousies within its borders. Give its rulers with gold, influence and the diet, in order to have a voice in the election of the kings. Make partisans to protect them, if neighboring powers raise objections and opposition, surround them by stirring up discord within their countries.

5. Take all you can from Sweden, and, to effect this, isolate her from Denmark and vice versa. Be careful to remove their jealousy.

6. Make Russian princes with German princesses, particularly these alliances; unite these interests, and, by the increase of our influence attack Germany to our cause.

7. Make alliances with England, on account of our commerce, as being the country the most useful for the development of our navy, merchants, etc., and for the exchange of our produce against her gold; keep up continued communication with her merchants and sailors, so that ours may acquire experience in commerce and navigation.

8. Constantly extend yourselves along the shores of the Baltic and borders of the Danube.

9. Use all in your power to approach closely Constantinople and India. Remember that he who rules over these two countries is the real sovereign of the world. Keep up continued wars with Turkey and Persia, and establish our yards in the Black Sea. Gradually obtain the command of this sea, as well as of the Baltic. This is necessary for the development of our projects. Hasten the fall of Persia. Open for yourself a route towards the Asian Gulf. Re-establish the as much as possible, by means of Syria, the ancient countries of the Levant, and thus add to our dominions.

10. Carefully seek the alliance of America. Make her believe that you will support her in her projects for dominion over Germany, and secretly stir up the jealousy of other powers against her, and manage that which be proposed to claim the assistance of Russia, and, extend over each a sort of protection, which will end the way to future dominion over the world.

11. Make Austria drive the Turks out of Europe, and neutralise her jealousy by offering to her a portion of your dominions, which you will further on take back.

12. Above all, recall around you the schismatic Greeks, who are spread over Hungary and Poland; become their tools and supports; a universal domination over them by a kind of sacred rule, autocratic despotism; by this you will have many friends among your enemies.

13. Sweden dismembered, Persia conquered, Turkey subjugated, Turkey beaten, our armada in the Black and Baltic Seas guarded by our vessels; them at all.

diverged separately and secretly first in the Court of Versailles, then that of Vienna, to share the empire of the world with Russia. If one attempt flatly to annihilate all your opponents, in order to make your empire, in a word, by engaging them in war. The result cannot be doubtful; Russia will be possessed of the whole of the East, and a great portion of Europe.

14. which is not probable, both should refuse the offer of Russia, raise a quarrel between them, and one which will ruin them both. Then Russia, with this double motive, will inundate the world with the troops which she will assemble before hand, at the same time, collect a fleet of soldiers from the Baltic and the Black Sea, will advance along the Mediterranean and the Ocean, keeping France in check with one, Germany with the other. And these two countries will be the minister of Europe will fall under our care.

Thus can Europe be subjugated.

The will of Peter the Great, deposited in the "Museum of the Academy of Sciences," of St. Petersburg, it is a "Treaty for compensating European supremacy" left for his successors, and deposited in the archives of the palaces of Peterhoff, near St. Petersburg. It advanced in the direction of the Indies, wars with Turkey and Persia, possession of the shores of the Black Sea and the Baltic, etc., etc.

It was deposited by the Czar, the first announced by M. Lassar in his "Progrès de la Paix Russie," published at Paris in 1812. In 1855 Dr. Peterhoff, of Riga, assembled the will of Peter the Great, and distributed it to Napoleon I. Mr. W. J. Thorne, the antiquary, and others, contend for the genuineness of the will as recently as June, 1878.)

TOLD BY THE EDITOR.

DURING A HOLIDAY RAMBLE HE VISITS THE OLD HOMESTEAD.

Found Changes That Astonished Him One of Which Deserves the Wides Publication for the Benefit It May Prove to Others.

From the Leader and Recorder, Toronto Junction.

The editor of the Leader and Recorder during his recent holiday trip through the counties of York, Peel, Dufferin and Grey, spent a few days at the old parental homestead where he was born and spent many happy years. The old homestead is in the township of Elgin, Grey county, having one and a half miles from the village of Heathcote, and about ten miles from the town of Meaford. It is occupied by the writer's youngest brother, George J. Fawcett. The latter was the picture of health, and represented that he had come from Detroit, where he had been living for several years, and took possession of the homestead, he was in such health that his life was despaired of, the writer suggested that the bracing climate of the northern regions would be the best medicine in the world for shattered constitution. The reply made contained statements so remarkable that we consider it a pleasure as well as duty to give them as wide publication as possible, through the editor of the Leader and Recorder. A severe attack of malaria, contracted whilst in Detroit, brought the writer's brother to death's door, from which he recovered only to find himself the victim of a complication of troubles which unfeignedly took his life. He was attended by one of the best physicians in Detroit, who had been living for several years, and took possession of the homestead, he was in such health that his life was despaired of, the writer suggested that the bracing climate of the northern regions would be the best medicine in the world for shattered constitution. The reply made contained statements so remarkable that we consider it a pleasure as well as duty to give them as wide publication as possible, through the editor of the Leader and Recorder.

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The Fuji was ordered from the Armstrong-Whitworth Company, England, with her sister ship Yashima, in June 1894, two months before the outbreak of the China-Japanese war, and arrived at Yokohama, the central naval station of Japan, on October, 31, 1897.

The Fuji is a first class battle ship with a displacement of 12,400 tons, and 13,687 horse power, with a speed of eighteen and a quarter knots an hour. The dimensions are—Length, 406 feet 6 inches; breadth, at the broadest part, 73 feet; main draught, 23.3 feet; gun deck, 12.5 feet; 120 Armstrong quick firing guns, twenty 8-pound quick fire guns, four 212-pound quick fire guns, five torpedo tubes.

The Fuji is painted a white gray, the color of all Japanese war ships. Her superstructure is plain and simple, instead of arched and there is only one top gun for each of the masts. These masts are fitted with an ammunition hoist, which runs inside. She has on board Captain Minra, Commander Saito, and a crew of about three hundred and fifty officers and blue-jackets.

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A splendid range of odd Cups and Saucers, from 5c. to 95c. Fancy Japanese Sugars, Creams, Chocolate Pots, Vases, Figures. Tea and Bread and Butter Plates, German Glass Vases, Cut Glass Vases, Jardineres.

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Services for all Churches. Splendid value in Bibles.

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W. T. SINE,
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Came to my premises, on or about the 5th of Nov., a bay horse. Owner can have the same by proving property, paying charges and taking him away.

A. W. GREEN,
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CANADA.

Major-General Hutton has gone to New Brunswick to inspect the Canadian and New Zealand shipyards.

The new Imperial Penny postage stamp will be issued at Ottawa.

The Northern Pacific Railway Co. will further extend their system in Manitoba next season.

The Northwest Land Company reports that their sales have doubled themselves during the past eleven months.

Judge Macdonnell has declined to release Masey Hall, Toronto, from taxation.

It is reported that the bubonic plague has broken out in Chinatown, San Francisco.

The corporation of McGill University has decided to confer the honorary degree of LL.D. upon Lord Minto.

Ald. Davies of Toronto, purposes going again on the question of taxation.

The Governors of McGill University, Montreal, have passed a resolution affiliating Vancouver College with the university.

The marine section of the Toronto Board of Trade is urging such improvements to Toronto harbour as would make it an ocean port.

It is said that the trustees of Emerald Street Methodist Church, Hamilton, contemplate suing delinquent subscribers for their contributions.

A C.P.R. official of Montreal denies the statement that the company is not amply equipped and prepared to handle the western grain business.

The Quebec Harbor Commissioners have decided to grant exemption from harbor dues to any line of trans-Atlantic steamers making that port its western terminus.

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UNITED STATES.

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The great Napanee Bank robbery trial came to an end, for the present, on Saturday morning last, after a trial lasting nearly two weeks. The case had been given to the jury the previous evening, and on the Court assembling on Saturday morning, they returned a verdict of "guilty" as regards Mackie, and that they were unable to agree as regards Ponton. The most disgraceful scene occurred in Napanee after the case had been given to the jury. A mob of about 500 people gathered, and made a threatening demonstration against the Judge and prosecuting counsel, and it was necessary to escort them to their lodgings by a squad of police. The mob refused to disperse until the sheriff had read the Riot Act, and stated his determination to clear the streets by firing into the mob if necessary. The crowd then dispersed. The sympathy that seems to be extended to Ponton is something that cannot be understood by people at this distance. The attack on Judge Ferguson and the prosecuting counsel was simply on account of this sympathy, and is having a contrary effect from that intended. Judge Ferguson is one of the ablest of our judges, and one who is not likely to let any prejudices influence his mind; yet we find him in his charge to the jury, in reviewing the evidence in detail, giving expression to views somewhat against the prisoners, but concluded by telling the jury to "base their finding on nothing but the evidence." It is plain therefore to every unprejudiced mind that there was a great deal of evidence against Ponton, though it may still be possible that he is innocent. The attacks on the judiciary by some newspapers, and the threat made by one journal that the jurymen who "stood against Ponton will be in a tight place 'should their names become known" are simply disgraceful. Mackie was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. Ponton will have a new trial at the spring assizes, and in the meantime is out on bail.

Transmitting Electrical Power Without Wires.

Tesla, the electrical wonder worker, now announces that he will transmit the power of Niagara Falls to New York without the medium of wires. He has devised a method of making the upper air a conductor of electricity.

Astonishing as may seem the idea of transmitting power hundreds and thousands of miles, Mr. Tesla says that the process is very simple. He claims that by this new method distance is completely annihilated as by the telegraph wire or cable. He says power transmission without cable is the one stop in advance of wireless telegraphy, which is now an accomplished fact.

Tesla recently made the following statement about this great discovery: "I am now working on plans for terminal stations for transmitting the power of Niagara Falls directly to New York City, through the air, without wires. This is simply one step in advance of wireless telegraphy. I worked out the principles of that several years ago."

I then became convinced that the transmission of power could be accomplished in a similar way. I encountered a new set of practical difficulties, but have succeeded in building machines producing high alternating currents that can be transmitted through air of a certain density, or rather rarefaction. To obtain this condition of atmosphere, that virtually becomes a stratum of conductor, it is only necessary to attain a certain elevation, either by establishing permanent aerial mountain tops or by using captive balloons."

When the plants have been put in operation in Niagara Falls and New York, I shall make plans for a station to be erected in Paris, for the transmission of power across the ocean, to run machinery in the Exposition of 1899.

The corporation of McGill University has decided to confer the honorary degree of LL.D. on Lord Minto.

Thirty-seven men on board the British steamer Clan Drummond, from Clyde for the Cape of Good Hope, wrecked in the Bay of Biscay, were drowned.

Aguinaldo, the insurgent chief of the Philippines Islands, is said to have 60,000 soldiers armed with Mauser rifles, also is quick-thinking, and he demands independence.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Sixth Annual Convention of the Sabbath, Rawdon and Marmora Sabbath School Association was held in the Methodist Church, St. Pleasant, on Wednesday, Nov. 29th, 1898.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. S. S. Burns, the President, Mr. Geo. E. Mack, addressed the Convention in a few well-chosen remarks.

Then followed the appointing of the Nominating Committee, after which the Rev. Wm. Johnston took up his subject—"The S. School: Parents' Relation thereto." In the course of his remarks Mr. Johnston showed clearly that there was a great similarity between the S. School and the children in the home, while still in their infancy. Nothing can take the place of the teaching in the home. Prepare them for the work in the Sabbath School. Influence them in the right direction, and "Go with them to the S. School."

In the discussion that followed by Messrs. W. S. Martin and D. W. Roblin, some good thoughts were brought out, such as "Do we fully realize the position in which we are placed in connection with our children?" Our duty is early in life to strive to impress a good influence upon them. The grandest thing to give and leave our children is a good example.

During the afternoon and evening the choir rendered efficient service, and two solos given by Miss Violin White, accompanied by the author were greatly admired. Closing hymn "God be with you till we meet again." And thus was brought to a close one of the best Sabbath School Conventions that it has been our lot to attend.

Collections, \$310. Pledges for next year's work, \$2310.

OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

President—Mr. Eleazer T. Williams, Wellman's Corners.

Secretary—Mr. R. Snell, Marmora.

Treasurer—Dr. Gordon Mcleish, Junction, Ont.

Convention to be held next year at Ryston, Stone End of May or first of June.

EXHIBITS OF THE CONVENTION.

Before the time appointed for beginning the Convention work of the afternoon, every seat was filled.

To say that the church was full in the evening would not convey an accurate idea of things as they existed. Every available seat was filled, every inch of available room occupied. Outside, it was said, between fifty and a hundred could not gain admittance. Everybody seemed to be interested. Good attention was paid to the proceedings, considering the crowded state of the building.

A good attendance of the S. School workers from Stirling and Rawdon were present.

The Convention being held so near the southern part of our territory did not give the Marmora people as good an opportunity to attend as last year. Ryston will be more central, and we hope to see them out in full force next year. Go, labor on, spend and be spent. Thy joy to do the Father's will; It is the way the Master went.

Should not the servant tread it still? —J.S.C.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Sterling Horticultural Society.

To the Editor of the *News-Argus*.

DEAR SIR.—At the November meeting of the Sterling Horticultural Society a committee was appointed to take in charge the subscriptions for the new year. It may clear the way for that committee if you will grant me space to review the progress and work of the Society's one year of existence.

In a village like Sterling a Horticultural Society can easily find its own distinct and special lines of usefulness. We are all justly proud of our well-kept homes, our trim hedges, our magnificent old trees, and our wide stretches of lawn; but our back streets are not always free from weeds, our public buildings do not in every case show the same trimness and neatness as our homes. The Horticultural Society will, no doubt, in the future CREATE THE SPIRIT and help supply the funds to make even the desert spots in our pretty town blossom as the rose.

During the past year it has done much; next year it can do more, for we have been merely learning how. The Society has now fifty-three members, each paying a dollar for membership. Now, under ordinary circumstances one does not get much for one dollar, yet what does the Society give to each of its subscribers?

1st. A year's subscription to the Horticultural, a live monthly magazine, managed by the best florists and fruit-growers in Canada, the official organ of the Fruit-Growers Association, price one dollar a year.

2d. The Fruit-Growers Association every year gives a premium with the "Horticultural" on some choice well-grown tree, plant, shrub or vine, which it can recommend and which it desires to introduce widely. (Members will find the list for 1899 on the cover of the November Horticulturalist.) Such shrubs, etc., cannot be bought for less than fifty or sixty cents.

3d. Each member receives a cloth-bound copy of the proceedings and papers of the Ontario Fruit-Growers Association, containing the VERY LATEST IDEAS AND METHODS OF FLORICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE.

4th. The Fruit-Growers Association sends the society annually, free of cost, a public lecturer.

5th. The Ontario Government gives a liberal annual grant to the local societies. This year our grant was seventy-five dollars.

But even this does not complete the list of benefits accruing to members, it is in fact only one side of those benefits. The local society's record this year must be shown:

1st. In the spring, we expended twenty dollars in premiums for our members, for their services, etc. As we got special rates on our covers, our twenty dollars really had the paying charge of about thirty dollars.

2nd. Each member that wished to have a private order for garden supplies filled, got the benefit of the same discount.

3rd. This fall, eight hundred choice bulbs were bought and distributed among the members as a second premium. Again a liberal discount was obtained. The fifteen or sixteen bulbs each member received could not be bought privately for sixty-five cents.

4th. Notwithstanding its liberal treatment of individual members, the society extended also five dollars in purchasing ornamental shrubs for the park; one dollar and a half in seeds and vines for the schools; and managed its own side and paid the prizes and ex-

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"If I could get as good interest on every dollar as you do," he stated, "and the members the other day, I should soon be rich, very rich!"

To my mind, the usefulness of such a Society, aside from the money's value it gives in return, is practically unlimited.

It can accomplish the miracle of making two blades of grass grow where there was only one before. Ultimately it should turn our streets into leafy avenues. Already it has been the center for the growth not only of flowers, shrubs, and trees, but also of a healthy public spirit ready to assist all kinds of enterprise.

In conclusion, my dear Sir, I shall not attempt to apologize for the space I have occupied. The subject deserved it. But I thank you heartily.

Ever yours very truly,

JOHN STEWART CARSTAIRS,

Stirling, Dec. 6th, 1898.

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DENTIST,

HONOR GRADUATE OF TORONTO UNIVERSITY, AND M. R. C. D. S. OF TORONTO.
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Will visit Macomber every Thursday.

FRANK ZWICK, M. B.

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J. EARL HALLIWELL, B.A.,

BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, COMMISIONER,
etc. Office over Boldrick's store, Stirling.

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The Home

POINTERS ON SHOES.

In speaking of shoes the following "never," by Dr. Samuel Appleton, may be of interest:

First. Never wear a shoe that will not allow the great toe to lie in a straight line.

Second. Never wear a shoe with a sole narrower than the outline of the foot, traced with a pencil close under the rounding edge.

Third. Never wear a shoe that pinches the heel.

Fourth. Never wear a shoe or boot so large that the foot is not kept in place.

Fifth. Never wear a shoe or boot tight anywhere.

Sixth. Never wear a shoe or boot that has a depression in any part of the sole, drawn any part of bearing low to the level plane.

Seventh. Never wear a shoe with a sole turning up very much at the toes, as this causes the cords on the uppers, part of the foot, to strain.

Eighth. Never wear a shoe that presses up into the hollow of the foot.

Ninth. Never have the top of the hose tight, as it interferes with the action of the calf muscles, makes one walk badly and spoils the shape of the ankle.

Tenth. Never come from high heels to low heels at one jump.

Eleventh. Never wear one pair of shoes all the time, unless obliged to do so. Two pairs of boots worn a day at a time, are more comfortable and serviceable and are much more healthful.

Twelfth. Never wear leather sole linings to stand upon. White cotton drilling or linen is much better and more healthful.

Thirteenth. Never wear a short stocking on one which after being washed is not at least one-half inch longer than the foot. Bear in mind that stockings shrink. Be sure that they will allow your toes to spread out at the extreme ends, as this keeps the joints pliable and makes a strong and attractive foot. As a shape of stocking the single digital or "one toe stocking" is the best.

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A USEFUL STOCKING BAG.

In every household the stockings that require mending accumulate very fast. A stocking bag in which to keep all those that need attention is a very useful thing for every housewife to have and from an exchange we take following description of such a bag that is very easily made:

Take a yard of pretty cretonne, with a small figure; three yards of satin ribbon an inch wide, to match the cretonne in color, a small piece of white flannel, some stiff pasteboard and a spool of silk. Cut four circular pieces of the pasteboard, each one seven inches in diameter. You may cut them out by a large saucer or a bread and butter plate. Cover these pieces smoothly with cretonne and overbind them two together, as if for a pocket pin cushion, with the sewing silk.

The puff should be a straight piece of cretonne six inches long and twelve inches wide. Turn in the edges on the sides of this strip and gather to fit the circular pieces, to which the strip must be neatly overhauled. Leave the ends open for the mouth of your bag, which is a full puff, with a circular disk in the center of each side. Make for the outside of one of these disks a piece of the same size and shape. Cut from the flannel, several leaves of the same size, each made by an inch in diameter, buttonhole stitched at the edge of each leaf with sewing silk and fasten them to the circle on the bag. They are to form a needle book for darning needles.

Fasten the embroidered cover over this and a bow of ribbon where it is fastened.

On the opposite side of the bag a piece of cretonne is set for a pocket-book, gathered at the top by an elastic band, in casing, and the bottom by two shirrings. This pocket-book is darning cotton. Hem in the ends of the puff for a casing and run two pieces of ribbon in four strings to draw the bag up. The interior is the receptacle for the stockings.

CHOICE RECIPES.

Corn Fritters—One pint grated corn, one half cup milk, one half teaspoon flour, one small teaspoon baking powder, two tablespoons melted butter, two eggs, salt, pepper; salt; a little pepper. Fry in hot oil.

Bouillon—Six pounds of beef and bone. Cut up the meat and break the bones; add two quarts of cold water and simmer slowly five hours. Strain through a fine sieve, removing every particle of fat. Season only with pepper and salt.

Lobster Soup—Cook a lobster weighing four pounds, and cut into small pieces. Place in a bowl six crackers, rolled fine, one cup butter, salt, and a very little cayenne pepper, mix well together. Heat three pints of milk and one of water stir in the mixture, boil two or three minutes, add the cut lobster, and boil up once.

Cranberry Pie—Three cups cranberries, stewed with one and one-half cups of sugar, and strained. Line pie plate with paste; put in cranberry jam, wash the edges, lay three narrow bars across, fasten at edge; then three more narrow bars, and lay them in the pie, wash the top in the history of this industry.

Some girls who profess to be highly educated have merely been immersed in a weak solution of accomplishments.

lemons, one and one-half cups of coffee sugar, two eggs, one cup of half-cupfuls boiling water. Roll crackers fine; place in bowl; pour on boiling water; cover with plate; when cold add eggs, beaten, sugar, grated rind of one and juice of both lemons. Line pie plate with paste; add preparation; add two eggs; cover, wash over with milk, bake in quick oven 20 minutes.

Gold Cake—Three quarters of a cupful of butter, two cupfuls sugar, yolks of 10 eggs, one and one-half pints flour, two teaspoons baking powder, one cupful fresh cream, one teaspoonful each extract lemon and nutmeg. Rub butter and sugar together; add eggs; beat the yolks, three at a time, beating cream and the extracts; mix into a pretty firm batter; bake in a paper-lined cake tin, in a steady oven, 50 minutes.

Oyster Omelet—Stew one dozen oysters in their own liquor, if not, use a very little water; roll two or three lumps of butter, size of hurtin, in flour, put in and let come to a boil, season well with pepper and salt. Take out the oysters and chop them, and if necessary to the taste add a few eggs. Put back the oysters and the extract; mix into a pretty firm batter; bake in a paper-lined cake tin, in a steady oven, 50 minutes.

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December Sale.

We start to-day our December Sale of FANCY GOODS, BOOKS, WALL PAPERS, STATIONERY, Etc.

We want to make this month a record breaker, and have reduced our prices from 20 to 35 per cent.

FANCY CHINA.

A splendid range of old Cups and Saucers, from 5c. to 95c. Fancy Japanese Sugars, Creams, Chocolate Pots, Vases, Figures. Tea and Bread and Butter Plates, German Glass Vases, Cut Glass Vases, Jardineres.

Our Lamps are at the top because we have the latest goods at the lowest prices.

Toys, Dolls, Games, Mechanical Toys and Musical Instruments.

BOOKS.

Services for all Churches. Splendid value in Bibles.

See our 25c. line of books, worth 40c., comprising such authors as Cowper, Hawthorne, Mayne Reid, Marryat, Longfellow, Scott, Milton, Dumas, Dickens, E. P. Roe, Lowell, Wallace, Thackeray, Bronte, etc.

In ATTRACTIVE BINDING and WELL PRINTED.

Gift Books, Cards and Calendars at 5, 10, 30, 50c. upwards.

IN PERFUMES

Our prices never were so low. We have the best odors, nicely put up, and marked very low.

SPECIAL.—Fine cut glass 1½ ounce bottles, French Perfume, only 35c., worth 75c.

CREPE TISSUE, fine quality, full rolls, all colors, per roll, 13c.

STATIONERY.

Fancy Papeteries, bargain prices in all lines. Five quires paper for 15c., any size. Large sized sheet Blotting paper, any color, 2 for 5c.

Full box of Envelopes, good quality, square, for 15c.

PARKER'S DRUG AND BOOK STORE.

STOVES!

A full line of Box and Cook Stoves. Our Parlor Stoves are beauties. Call and see them.

GUNS.

MARLIN and WINCHESTER Repeating Rifles.

Daisy Churns, Granite Ware, Robertson's Mixed Paints, &c.

All Repairing done on short notice.

FURNACE WORK a specialty.

H. & J. WARREN,
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TO FARMERS

The underlined has for service Improved Barbadoes and Tenthour Hairs, both thoroughbred. Terms 75cts. Also a number of small pigs for sale.

URDNE HEATH,
Lot 12, Con. 7, Rawdon.

SWINE BREEDERS, ATTENTION

I have for service Thoroughbred Tamworth, Yorkshire and Durac Jersey Boars, registered pedigree.

Thoroughbred Tamworth pigs for sale, either sex. Prices right.

W. T. SINE,
Lot 23, Con. 5, Rawdon.

Sine P. O.

STRAYED.

Came to my premises, on or about the 1st of Nov., a bay horse. Owner can have the same by proving property, paying charges and taking him away.

W. G. GREEN,
Lot 23, Con. 1, Rawdon.

PERSONALS.

THE News-Argus invites the contribution to this column of all items of a personal nature, such as the arrival or departure of guests, etc. Please notify the editor, or leave a note at the office, and it will be forwarded into the post office, giving full particulars.

Mrs. Florence McWilliams, of Marmora, was visiting in town last Friday. She returned home accompanied by Mrs. Philip Conley, who visited friends and relatives in that village.

Mr. Frank Byggott and Misses N. Philpot and Stouffer visited friends in Marmora on Saturday last.

Mr. Jas. Parkes of Marmora, visited at his home here on Sunday last, and intended returning the same day, but was storm-stayed, and did not start for Marmora until Monday noon.

Mrs. Jas. Baker and son of Caledonia, staying, arrived on Friday to her parents and relatives and friends, on Saturday last, and will remain for a month. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Kate Chard, who had been visiting her for nearly a year.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Wm. Montgomery is rapidly recovering from his recent illness, and expects soon to be out again.

Election of Officers.

At the annual meeting of Springbrook Orange Lodge No. 442, the following officers were appointed for the coming year:

Bro. T. C. McConnel—W. M.
Wm. Bateman—D. M.
John Bateman—Chaplain.
Sidney Mason—Rec. Sec.
John McConnel—Fin. Sec.
John Stiles, as Recorder.
Caleb Bateson—D. of C.
Thomas Brownson—Lecturer.
Chris. Webster—Sonor Com.
R. Tanner, C. Burkitt, C. Bateson, John Stiles—Junior Com.

An American participant, an ex-Secretary of the Interior, came to the 239,000 soldiers on the pay-roll 200.00 will be on the pension roll before ten years elapse. What would be the effect of a real war?

Kersey Overcoats.

The Oak Hall, Belleville have the very latest thing in kersey cloth overcoats. They are very dressy, and much warmer. We have them in grey, brown and black. They are made from front, velvet collar, fine quilted linings and all made up with full English facings and taping. Price only \$10.

OUR LUMBER YARD IN STIRLING.

Under the Management of C. J. BOLDRICK.

Includes Shingles in three grades, Lath, 1½ inch flooring, Cope Siding in Pine, Basswood and Hemlock, Wainscoting, Ceiling lumber, surfaced Pine in all widths, rough Pine in different qualities, rough Hemlock from \$7 up, 2x4 Scantling, Plank in all widths,—in fact from this date we can furnish intending builders with everything required at very moderate prices. Since our connection of Factory to our Mill power we are prepared to do all kinds of custom work, on saw or planer, with no notice required. Bring your lumber to us and we will convert it into Flooring or Siding for you satisfactorily.

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Ready for the Rush!

From now until the end of the year will be one busy rush of business. We're prepared for this gay holiday time.

We are offering great bargains in **BLACK DRESS GOODS** for the next 10 days. Call and get prices before buying elsewhere.

We have a fine line of **OPERA FLANNELS** regular price 10 cents, now selling at 25 cents.

OUR ULSTERS ARE GOING FAST.

Only a few left. Call and secure one before they are all gone.

The balance of our **BOOTS & SHOES** will be sold at 75c. on the dollar. Now is the time to secure a pair. Also, **RUBBERS** at the same price.

WE HAVE A FINE LINE OF FRESH GROCERIES on hand, bought especially for the Xmas trade.

Highest price paid for Dried Apples, Butter, Eggs, Poultry.

ALL REPAIR ACCOUNTS, whether Threshing or Reaper, must be paid at once.

E. F. PARKER.

CROWDS OF PEOPLE

HARDWARE!

Buy the

MILITARY

SNIDER

RIFLE

20 Rounds of Cartridge and a Bayonet thrown in.

Call and get Low Prices.

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Charge PER INCH per week when inserted for

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Two inches, \$1.00. Two and a half inches, \$1.25 per cent extra on above.

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Four inches, \$1.50. Four and a half inches, \$1.75 per cent extra on above.

Five inches, \$1.75. Five and a half inches, \$2.00 per cent extra on above.

Six inches, \$2.00. Six and a half inches, \$2.25 per cent extra on above.

Seven inches, \$2.25. Seven and a half inches, \$2.50 per cent extra on above.

Eight inches, \$2.50. Eight and a half inches, \$2.75 per cent extra on above.

Nine inches, \$2.75. Nine and a half inches, \$3.00 per cent extra on above.

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Plain Satin Suspenders, in assorted colors, 40c. to 75c.
Fancy Worked Satin Suspenders, assorted colors, 45c. to \$1.10.
Silk Mullers, Scotch plaid, sheepherd plaid, pure white, 75c. to \$1.50.
Cashmere Mullers, 25c. to 75c. White Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c. to \$1.50.
Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, assorted colors, beautiful patterns, 25c. to \$1.50.

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We have excelled ourselves this year for the Xmas trade. The variety of styles, designs and colors is far too vast to mention them all. Puffa, Derby, Flowing Ends, Clubs, Strings, Bows, Knots,—anything and everything now in Neckwear you will find here from 15c. to 75c.

Gloves & Mitts.

We have a STOCK of the above, not a few pairs, to choose from. Silk Lined, Fur Lined, Fancy Wool Lined, from 50c. up to \$3.00. Keep your hands warm.

OUR UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT is well assorted. Suits from 90c. to \$3.00.

FURS. FURS. FURS.

Ladies' Fur Gauntlets, Imitation Lamb Gauntlets, Caperines, Collars, Ruffs, Muffs, Caps, Boas, Jackets, Men's Fur Coats, Caps and Collars.

We are issuing checks for every Cash purchase. We want to make this Store YOUR Store. Watch this space next week.

FRED. T. WARD,
THE PEOPLE'S TAILOR, FURNISHER & FURRIER.

SOON FOR SANTA CLAUS TO BUY HIS PRESENTS.

Head for C. F. STICKLE'S Store, where you can always find everything for Christmas.

Tea Set, cup, saucer and plate, 40c. Children's Fancy Cups and Saucers, 10c. Large Fancy Bread Plates, 20c., 25c., 30c. each. Gent's Fancy Cups and Saucers from 20c. to 60c. Children's Tea Sets, a large variety, three sizes, 15c., 35c., 50c.

Porridge Sets, 30c. to 90c. Biscuit Jars, 25c.
Fancy Card Plates, 25c.
Cruet Sets, 25c.
Children's Mugs, 5c.
Perfume Bottles, fancy, 51.00 set.
Fancy Lamps, complete, only 50c. Other things too numerous to mention.

Remainder of LADIES' JACKETS will be sold less than cost.

Special sale of LADIES' KID GLOVES. \$1.15 now, for \$1.00 from now until Christmas.

A full line of SILKS for Fancy Work now in Stock.

ALWAYS FRESH.—Buy your Groceries for Christmas at this store. A large stock of Fresh Raisins and Currants just in.

Fresh Butter, Poultry and Dried Apples wanted. Highest prices paid.

TWO NEW WOOD SLEIGHS FOR SALE. Trade or cash.

C. F. STICKLE,
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HOLIDAY SHOPPERS

Take a look through our extensive stock before making your Xmas purchases. We have the finest lot of goods to select from you ever saw in Stirling. A few lines are

BANQUET LAMPS. A FULL LINE OF SILVERWARE, STERLING SILVER NOVELTIES, PURSES, CIGAR CASES. The prettiest line of RINGS, BRACELETS, BELTS, CHAINS, Etc. to be found anywhere.

MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS EARLY.
W. H. CALDER,
JEWELRY, OPTICAL GOODS AND STATIONERY.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

Neither is there any place like JOHN SHAW'S for Groceries, Provisions and Crockery. You needn't take our word for it. We give you a cordial invitation to come and see. You will need an extra supply for Christmas, on account of friends coming to see you. We can supply you, and our prices are right.

Cranberries, Spices, Flour, Pork, Lard, Salt.
Currants, Peels, Sugar.
Raisins, Pecans, Sugar.
Fruit, Pork, Lard, Salt.

—In fact, everything you need in Groceries or Provisions.

FRESH OYSTERS and FINNAN HADDIES now on hand.

THE FINEST LINE OF CROCKERY IN TOWN.
JOHN SHAW.

County Council.

The last session of the County Council for 1898 was held in Belleville last week, all the members being present.

The Warden made a short address, congratulating the Council on the economies made in the county finances had been managed.

The report of the Superintendent of Roads and Bridges showed the appropriation for the year was \$10,500, and \$300 for snow and wire fence. The expenditure was \$10,826.76, being \$26.79 in excess of appropriation.

The appropriation for Rawdon was \$1050, and the expenditure \$1160. For Stirling the appropriation was \$50, and expenditure \$735; expenditure \$855.93. Marmora, appropriation \$600; expenditure \$599.28. In Thurlow the appropriation was \$1000, and the expenditure \$92,457.41. This excess of expenditure in Thurlow caused an animated discussion in Council. Mr. Pearce wanted an explanation from the Superintendent. The Supt. said the roads in Thurlow leading into the city needed much improvement owing to the excessive travel over them. He had exceeded the estimates owing to a necessity.

Several memorials from other municipalities asking the co-operation of Hastings County Council to secure certain legislation were considered. One from the County of Welland to do away with fees imposed on gardens and farm produce offered for sale in cities and towns was concurred in.

A memorial from Dufferin County asking the support of Hastings County Council in petitioning the Legislature to amend the Act in reference to summoning jurors to court when there are no jurors for them to consider, was also concurred in.

Other memorials were not entertained.

Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Pearce, moved that the clerk communicate with manufacturers of stone crushers and road rollers in reference to that class of machinery and report the result to the next session of the council.

The clerk read a statement from the treasurer of arrears of taxes due the county by the minor municipalities. The report was laid on the table.

Charles W. Thompson and Francis Brentnell were appointed county auditors.

S. Russell, M. P. E., was appointed High School trustee for Deseronto in place of the late F. S. Rathbun.

A by-law in reference to the sale of part of a road allowance in Rawdon was passed.

Mr. McFarlane stated that the committee appointed at last January's session to inquire into the relations between the county and Magistrate Flint had recommended that the attorney-general be asked to cancel the agreement. This was done, and no answer had been received. He thought it high time to have some reply and thought a deputation should be sent to Toronto.

Mr. Cross thought that the communication was worthy of the courtesy of a reply, and suggested that the clerk be instructed to write and ask for a reply. At the next session something more definite might be brought before the council. He would then favor the stoppage of the magistrate's salary if nothing was done by the legislature. He moved that the clerk be asked to write the department.

The motion carried. On motion a number of accounts were ordered to be paid, among them the following: The Intelligencer Printing Co. \$189.60; T. S. Carman \$141.90; The Star Printing Co. \$158.25.

M. Hanley moved that, as accounts for administration of justice are growing larger, the clerks procure from the proper authorities a full list of fines and costs and expenses in cases and a statement of the convictions made and reported the same at the next session. Carried.

Mr. Cross complained of telephoned telephone companies' action in destroying shade trees on county roads near Madoc. He wanted to know if the companies had any right to do so, and if any revenue was given for use of roads. He thought the country telephoning and telegraphing should be done free in consideration of privileges granted the companies.

The warden said he had seen the work and thought it was unnecessary.

Mr. Cross moved that the Superintendent be instructed to make out a bill of trees and send the same to the parties at fault. The motion passed.

After complimentary resolutions to the retiring Warden, and the County Council adjourned.

To Commemorate Imperial Penny Postage.

The Review Printing Co. limited, of Peterborough, have had (unpaid, copy right) a handsome correspondence envelope, showing a very suitable and unique design printed in gold. These envelopes are rapidly in demand, and as the new Imperial Penny postage is to come into use on Christmas day, quite seasonable. The idea is in keeping with such envelopes issued when penny postage became the law in Great Britain. The envelopes are sold by the publishers at the rate of 16c. per package of 25, postage paid, or can be had from local booksellers who have secured a supply.

Very Cold Weather.

You must have good warm clothing these very cold days. You will find just what you want at the Oak Hall, Belleville. In enormous variety, hats, mitts, coats, waistcoats, mitts and glove, caps, etc. Everything for men to wear but boots.

FULL RANGE OF XMAS NOVELTIES IN CROCKERY.

"STIRLING CASH STORE." CUT THIS OUT FOR REFERENCE IN YOUR XMAS BUYING

CHRISTMAS BARGAINS.

DRY GOODS. SPECIAL.

For the Xmas trade this Department is well assorted, and bristly with bargains.

In Dress Goods our stock is complete, and comprises the newest goods.

Black Henriettas

at 35c., 50c., 75c., 80c., \$1.00.

SPECIAL.

Fine Black Henrietta, corded black, big value..... 75c.

Fine Black plain Henrietta, the best value to be found..... 50c.

Fine Black Henrietta, 46-inch, regular value 75c..... 63c.

Tweed Dress Patterns.

From now until Xmas we offer some special bargains.

Regular \$2.50 Suits for..... \$2.00

" \$5.50 Suits for..... \$4.00

" \$7.50 Suits for..... \$4.25

" \$6.50 Suits for..... \$4.75

Cloakings.

Sixty pieces to select from. Prices from 75c. to \$2.25.

Table Linens

25c., 35c., 40c., 50c., 90c.

Beautiful fine Pure Linen, nearly 2 yards wide, only..... 50c.

Wrappettes.

This week we just opened a new line of Heavy Wrappettes in Plaids and pretty patterns.

Special value, heavy weight..... 10c.

32-in. Heavy Flannelette..... 5c.

NEW LACES, NEW GLOVES, NEW HANDKERCHIEFS, NEW RIBBONS.

Ladies' Fine Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs..... 5c.

Gentlemen's large size Linen Handkerchiefs..... 5c.

Gentlemen's Hemstitched Silk Handkerchiefs..... 25c.

Feather Boas, starting at..... 25c.

Boys' and Youth's Suits, all sizes, will be sold at the same reduction.

This sale is genuine, and we will do exactly as we say. Now is your time for a bargain. No clothing sold except for Spot Cash at these prices.

We are bound to bring a large trade this way if Prices and Quality are any inducement.

T. G. CLUTE.

CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES

At the Popular Shoe Store.

For the Ladies==Our first Thought Always.

Ladies' Felt Rommies and Julietts
" " Slippers and House Boots.
" " Gaiters and German Slippers.
" " Fine Overshoes and Rubbers.
" " Cardigan Overshoes. Ladies Skating Boots.
" " Spats, Overgaiters and Leggings.

For the Men.

Men's Fancy Plush Slippers.
" " Carpet Slippers.
" " Opera (Chocolate) Slippers.
" " Fine Overshoes.
" " Felt Gaiters.
" " Spats (fawn and black).

For the Girls.

Girl's Neat Skating Boots.
Girl's Fancy German Slippers.
Girl's Cardigan Overshoes.
Girl's Lined Rubbers.
Girl's Moccasins.

For the Boys.

Boys' Moccasins.
" Skating Boots.
" Rubbers.
" Sox & Rubbers.

FOR CHILDREN.

Children's Felt Button Boots.
" Griters and Slippers.
" Cardigan Overshoes.
" Rubbers.
" Moccasins (fancy).
" Santa Claus Slippers.

You will always find anything you want in Boots, Shoes or Rubbers at the Lowest Prices. Give us a call when doing your Xmas shopping.

MARTIN & REYNOLDS.

THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

SELECTED ITEMS ABOUT OUR OWN COUNTRY, GREAT BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES, AND ALL PARTS OF THE GLOBE, CONDENSED AND ASSORTED FOR EASY READING.

CANADA.

Only union labour will be employed on civic works in Ottawa next year. Work has commenced on the new hall at Kingston, Ont. It is to cost \$50,000.

The Deseronto Car Works are building 50 box cars for the Intercolonial Railway.

It is said at Winnipeg that the C. P. R. will erect a 1,000-ton smelter in the Boundary Creek district, B.C.

The Council of Peterborough has appointed a committee to consider and report upon a scheme of municipal insurance.

By a change in train service, the C. P. R. hopes to make the trip from Montreal to Winnipeg of 64 hours, instead of the present time of 72.

The report that W. G. Macdonald, the millionaire tobacconist manufacturer, has been knighted is confirmed at McGill University.

In a speech on Thursday Mr. Chamberlain said he hoped in a few years to see a federation of the empire, with Canadian representatives in the British Parliament.

The Farmers' Binder Twine Company of Brantford has just paid the astonishing dividend of 50 per cent. on its capital stock for the year ending October 15th last.

The present infantary schools of London, Toronto, St. John's and Fredericton will be concentrated at Ottawa under command of Lieut.-Col. Forster for a course of instruction.

The officers of the Seventh Fusiliers at London have all decided to resign as a protest against Gen. Hutton's action in discussing battalion reorganization with the citizens before consulting the officers.

The 47th Battalion will commence their annual drill at Fort Henry, Kingston on the 3rd of January, when two of the companies will enter the fort, the other companies going in, in their turn.

Mann, the Ottawa Waterworks department clerk, has been found guilty by Judge Mosgrove of embezzlement of civic funds and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary at Kingston.

Russell A. Allen, Jr., son of General Alvin United States Secretary of War, was seriously injured in an accident while boating near Merano, Que. He is manager of the Laurentide Pulp Company there.

Joseph Lamiroux, wife of the late Joseph Lamiroux, who was killed at Coaticook Junction some weeks ago, has issued a writ against the Canada Atlantic Railway Company for \$5,000 damages for the death of her husband.

The Ottawa City Council has decided to ask the Ontario Legislature to amend the Municipal Act so as to provide that a city of 50,000 inhabitants or over may be governed by a Board of Control. This was carried by 18 to 11.

Mr. J. J. Kelso, Superintendent of Children's Aid Society for Ontario, does not believe in a Curfew law. He declares that the theory is all right, but in the case of a law, it has been a failure in the forty towns in Ontario where it has been tried.

The Toronto General Trusts Company and the Trusts Corporation of Ontario are to be merged into one. The corporation will have a paid up capital of \$100,000,000, and a contingency fund of \$50,000,000. The business under the care of the two companies now is estimated at \$18,000,000.

The notorious "Mollie Matches," the cleverest bank burglar and pickpocket in America, was until a few days ago living in Montreal. He was arrested on a charge of non-support of his wife, but gave the police the slip while the case was pending and is not now to be found.

Emigration returns just published show that the number of emigrants from British ports to Canada for the month of November last was as follows:—English, 34,312; French, 10,224; and foreign, 677. Total for the eleven months ended 30th November, English, 14,861; French, 853; Scotch, 1,087; foreign, 9,465.

GERALD BRITAIN.

William Black, the novelist is dead. Rudyard Kipling has accepted the vice-presidency of the Navy League.

Reports of threatened famine in Russia are being received in London daily.

The Prince of Wales gave his cheque for one hundred guineas to the Gordon Memorial fund.

The council of the British Agricultural Society has rescinded the rule against docking horses' tails.

Lord Balfour, who has been appointed a member of the council of the Gordon Memorial College.

Jane Cakewred, notorious for her record of over 200 convictions for drunkenness, is dead at London, Eng.

One million dollars has already been entered on the five millions which British Methodists are destined of raising next year.

William Thorpe fell into a tank of boiling liquid at Spence & Co.'s chemical works near London, Eng., dying instantly.

Lord Balfour, Paymaster-General, has been appointed Lord Chamberlain in succession to the late Earl of Lathom.

Twelve shipbuilding firms have sent in tenders to the British Admiralty for the construction of four battleships to be built in private yards.

The Queen has given 250 guineas to Lord Kitchener, the Secretary of State, for the establishment of a Gordon Memorial in Khartoum. The fund has now reached £50,000.

It is reported from Constantinople that an imperial decree has been promulgated granting to Sir Ellis Ash-

mond Ruthven the concession for the electric lighting of Smyrna.

Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, Sir John, Sirdar of the Egyptian Army, started on his return to England yesterday. His friends bade him farewell at the railway station.

The British Foreign Office has received news that Lieuts. Keating and Gale and twelve native soldiers who were killed while parleying with tribesmen of the Niger territory.

London ladies announce that the Queen mother of the Netherlands has written a present to Queen Victoria informing Her Majesty of the betrothal of Queen Wilhelmina to Prince William of Wied.

When asked what kind of man he wanted to have as the financial director of the Soudan, Lord Kitchener replied: "I want a man thorough up in all finance problems and not over 25 years old." Gen. Kitchener has been appointed to the Royal Institute of British Architects.

The first woman architect to be admitted to the Royal Institute of British Architects is Miss Ethel Mary Charles. At the final examination the candidate is required to design a house of style, construction, planning, foundations, etc. This Miss Charles successfully accomplished.

The British Admiralty has recommended, upon the report of a special committee, that the survey of the Suez Canal be suspended until the survey of the Suez Canal be provided with a deeper and better fortified harbor.

The port of Famagusta will henceforth be capable of accommodating the largest war ships and become the strongest outpost of Great Britain in the Levant.

UNITED STATES.

Two children were badly mangled by a mad dog which ran amuck in Philadelphia.

The business portion of Weyanay, Wis., has been burned. Twenty substantial buildings are in ruins.

John McCullagh, former chief of police of New York, has taken charge of the police in Havana.

Frank Jay Gould, youngest son of the late Jay Gould, is now of age and heir to \$10,000,000 under his father's will.

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DERVISH SKELETONS BEST.

troopers, on the advice of Empress William.

The native press at Manila continues to advocate independence and a return to the United States, the amount to be paid Spain for the Philippines.

One hundred artists, sixty men and forty women will form a comfortable household for the government in Manila which Verdi has agreed to designate and disabled musicians.

The Empress Eugenie still remains in Paris, attended by Mme. Lebrun, her maid, and McElroy's tailor shop, 68 King street west, shortly after 10 o'clock on Wednesday night. It spread immediately to the stairways, and five women who lived in the flats above were cooped up like rats in a trap. One of them, Miss Mary Power, fell from a third-story window to the concrete pavement, and died from her injuries at the Emergency hospital early next morning. Another, Miss Kate Barber, was carried out by a fireman twenty minutes later, badly burned and nearly suffocated. Her injuries are serious, but she may recover.

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UNCONSCIOUS BY HER BED.

Miss Barber, who is employed at Lindsay's grocery, was hardly more fortunate, as she remained in the building until the fire was almost extinguished. She was unconscious when she was rescued by fireman William Crawford. They picked her up and carried her down the ladder after the fire was practically over, and took her directly to the Emergency hospital. Her face and neck were burned, and she had evidently been near the head of the flames. Her recovery is doubtful.

CUT OUT ON THE CORNICE.

Mrs. Fierro, a nurse, was the other seriously injured woman. Like her two companions in misfortune, she was in bed when the fire broke out. She made her way to the front of the building, opened a window, and crawled out on the narrow ledge, and waited till a ladder had been hastily erected. She then surrendered herself to the mud, and was soon on the pavement. She was taken to the National Club, where Dr. Garratt attended her, and shortly afterwards she was removed to the Emergency.

AT THE HOSPITAL.

The Emergency Hospital, where the three victims were conveyed, was taken over by the Red Cross Society. Dr. King, Dr. McCrae, and Stewart and three nurses worked with the patients.

At the firemen's station, the firemen who had been overstocked, dealers having to hold back the surplus in order to keep prices up. Not a single German skeleton cage on the market. It is always the one which the vendor who comes to this annual fair fails.

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The Washington authorities have curbed the growing ambitions of Inspector Dr. Birrell, of Buffalo, and, under the Anglo-American conference concludes a travelling salesmen for Canadian firms may come and go as they please.

RAIDED THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

IN MAN'S MUSCLES ENTRANCE TO THE INDUSTRIAL.

A despatch from St. Jhn's Nfld. says:—Rev. Sidney Chancy, a Methodist minister settled on the French shore writes to the St. John's papers detailing the wretched condition of the people living there. He declares that their circumstances are deplorable, that alarming destitution prevails along the whole coast line, and that enormous efforts are necessary to prevent wholesale emigration. Several families, he says, have not more than two barrels of flour with which to tide over the winter of six months, for which period the coast is often cut off by the ice. He instances cases where families are reduced to living on fish and diseased potatoes, having no flour, and urges prompt relief to avert the disastrous consequences which must otherwise ensue.

THREE YOUNG MEN DROWNED.

SAILED TO CROSS THE RIVER IRROQUOIS AND AGAIN SCREWED.

A despatch from Iroquois, Ont., says:—Three young men, Reuben Clegg, Isaac Mayers, and Mason Front, left in a small boat on Sunday to visit some friends in Waddington, N.Y., expecting to return in the evening. As the wind was very high and the river rough during the night, some unkindness was found that had not been turned, and parties were sent over the river to judge them.

Now transpires that they were seen about eight o'clock Sunday night leaving on the opposite side of the river, a short distance below this village.

It is feared that the boat was swamped and the young men drowned.

GENERAL.

Foreign Jews have been barred from Russian naturalization.

Germany, as well as France, has taken steps to protect her missionaries in China.

The Chinese government has ordered the expulsion of Kang-Yu-Wei, the Chinese reformer.

French journalists and publishers are reported to be very much at war with Britain is inevitable.

A London Daily News despatch says: It is reported in Odessa that the Turkish cavalry will be sent to the front by 25,000

SHE FELL TO HER DEATH.

A WOMAN'S TERRIBLE DEATH AT A TORONTO FIRE.

TWO OTHERS WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED—THEY WERE IMPRISONED IN AN UPPER STORY.

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SMUGGLING BOMBS INTO RUSSIA.

THE POLICE ON THE FRONTIER FEAR SHOT.

A despatch from Berlin says:—The local paper of Memel, the northernmost town of Prussia, a week ago contained news that in Memel, Nimmerau, and Polangen, and along the entire Prusso-Russian frontier the Prussian and Russian police and revenue officers had instituted a thorough search for dynamite, bombs, which Russian nihilists, in Germany, plotting against the Czar, were said to be smuggling along the frontier. The Berlin paper at first received the news with incredulity, but Friday's issue of the Memel paper reiterated its assertions and furnishes new details.

It is declared that the investigation has been most thorough between Poland and Russia, and the police have searched every house along the frontier and have made a number of arrests. The Prussian authorities have co-operated with the Russian police, and their activity has caused a tremendous sensation in the entire district along both sides of the frontier.

PLOT MAY HAVE SUCCEEDED.

Mr. de Recense, a Russian police commissioner, came across the frontier to inspect the frontier in Memel. The police had not found any dynamite or bombs, but the frontier was quiet.

The fire was first seen by Joseph Lindsay, of 60 King street west, and R. Waddell, and they rang in an alarm from the corner of King and Bay streets at 10:15. The reels were quickly on hand, but the ladders, which were the most needed apparatus, seemed to the gathering crowd helplessly watching the frenzied women at the windows, a long time in coming. The smoke was pouring from every window, and one woman, to get air, crawled out on the cornices. Overcome by the smoke, Miss Power fell headlong from her window to the pavement before the ladders arrived.

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The Ontario Gazette contains a proclamation declaring the 25th December and the 2nd January next public holidays. This action has been taken because of the fact that the next ensuing Christmas day and New Year's day fall on Sundays.

The treaty of peace between the United States and Spain was signed on Saturday last. By its provisions the United States obtain Cuba, Porto Rico and the Phillipine Islands. Spain is to get \$20,000,000 for the cession of the Phillipines.

As amended the law governing municipal nominations is as follows: "At such meetings, the person or persons to fill each office shall be proposed and seconded, seriatim, and every such nomination shall be in writing, shall state the full name, place of residence and occupation of the candidate, and shall be signed by his proposer and seconder." Sect. 128, Mun. Act. Then as to resignations: "At the nomination meeting or on the following day, or where such last named day is a public holiday, then before 12 o'clock noon of the succeeding day, any person proposed for one or more offices may resign, or may elect for which office he is to remain nominated; and in default he shall be taken as nominated for the office in respect of which he was first proposed and seconded."—Sect. 129, (2).

Prohibition as a government measure is making headway in the east. A Cairo despatch says that the sale of intoxicating liquors will be prohibited in the Soudan. As General Kitchener ran his campaign against the Khalifa on prohibition principles with great success, both as a military and a sanitary measure, a continuance of the law would no doubt have equally beneficial results under a civil administration, if carried out under an equally upright authority. The law of the Prophet against the use of wine is not always strictly observed among his followers, but prohibition would not be for them alone. The ragtag from Europe and the Levant who are sure to flow into the newly reconquered provinces will need it much more than the Soudanese proper, and it will be a grand thing for British Africa if, following the destruction of dervish tyranny, should come peace, education, the suppression of slavery and prohibition of the liquor traffic. The extension of British power would then be justified on the highest moral grounds to the best advantage to the natives and the cause of civilization.—Witness.

The Commission which first met in Quebec in August last, and has lately been holding sessions in Washington, to endeavor to settle all matters of dispute between the United States, Great Britain and Canada, appears at present not likely to bring forth much fruit. It was hoped that among other matters a treaty of reciprocity would be made for the free exchange of certain products of Canada and the United States, but late advice states that there is little prospect of such a treaty being made.

There are many important points upon which the commissioners seem unable to agree, and all hope of reconciling the conflicting interests are about at an end. It is perhaps just as well, as Canada has entered upon an era of prosperity and expansion, which makes the U. S. markets of less relative value than formerly, while the giving of a 25 per cent preferential tariff in favor of Great Britain is leading to a great expansion of trade with the mother country, as well as drawing the bonds of union more closely. The Canadian commissioners will do well not to sacrifice Canada's interests in any respect, but firmly and respectfully maintain our rights. It is stated the conference is likely to adjourn about the 20th inst., to reassemble again after March 4th next.

North Hastings Mines.

Mr. A. J. G. Swinney, who established the Canada Gold Fields Company's works two or three years ago at Deloro, has just returned from a trip to Europe. He has organized a large syndicate of capitalists and has arrangements completed to commence operations on an extensive scale in North Hastings. He has arranged for a large number of choice properties which he intends to operate on in the immediate future.

The Kingston Times says: "There is a revival of interest in the mines of Eastern Ontario. The gold mines of Hastings county are being more extensively worked, while the iron, mica and lead mines of Frontenac are employing more men and giving more satisfactory returns to the operators."

In some parts of Michigan the snow is said to be seven feet deep on the level.

It is stated that 70,000 barrels of apples of ripeness have been stored in Brighthorn, and 50,000 in Coborne, to be packed and shipped during the winter.

Heavy Beaver Overcoats.

Most heavy cloth overcoats are not heavy enough. The Oak Hall, Belleville, would like to see the man who has the most good overcoat he can buy had unless made to order. Do you know we have overcoats at \$10, \$12, and \$15, mink fur linings, every day ready to any order. Clothing is the last of these coats will convince the most carefully dressed man that a well made ready-to-wear coat is good enough for any one.

INFERIOR COURT PROCEDURE.

Under the laws of legal procedure in this Province, if Jones over Smits with a promissory note, Smith may sue him in the Division Court, and if Jones does not defend, or if he defends but fails Smith will get his note and the total cost of 6 or 10 per cent of his claim. But if Smith has a claim of \$150 against Jones, the only bill he can only sue in the County Court, and if Brown defends, Smith's costs may not amount to as much as the bill, or they may.

An action in the Division Court may involve the validity of a mortgage or conveyance of property worth thousands of dollars, but if the plaintiff's claim is on an open account and is one dollar over \$100, for a balance due, the total cost of the action, including the balance may not be more than \$10, or for more than \$60 damages, or on a promissory note for over \$200, in any of these cases he must go to the County Court and run the gamut of an action with pleadings, motions, affidavits, orders, and all the other High Court trifles.

The practical working of the County Court system is shown by its fruits, which are tabulated in the reports of the Inspector of Legal Offices. His report for 1897, for instance, shows that in that year a number of judgments and trials entered in that year in the 44 counties of Ontario was \$1,000,000. The total amount of legal expenses without costs was \$24,700.74, and the total amount of costs and disbursements allowed to the successful parties in those cases was only a few hundred dollars less, being in exact figures \$24,140.97, an average of \$180 per case. In addition the unsuccessful parties had to pay their own costs, which, it is perhaps fair to assume, were not less than those above stated; so that it would appear that in cases that go to trial in the County Court the costs average two dollars for every dollar for which the client recovers judgment.

On the other hand, in the Division Court the legal game is played with a strict limit. The only costs a litigant may recover against an opponent in the Division Court are his actual disbursements and, where his judgment is for more than \$100, a \$10 counsel fee, and in case of an appeal to Osgoode Hall his further disbursements and a fee of \$15. If Jones disputes Smith's claim on the \$100 note until he can dispute it no further, that is to say until he gets the judgment of a Divisional Court, he may become liable to pay all the costs for solicitors fees, by the outside \$25 and an average case will not amount to more than \$10 more.

As against a total of 2,262 cases entered in the County Courts of the Province in 1897, 49,167 cases were during the same time entered in the Division Courts. In other words, the County Court system, which is costly and inconvenient, is unpopular, and the Division Court system, which is inexpensive and convenient, and in many ways a model system, is popular. We know of scarcely any service the new Legislature could do the Province that would be more generally appreciated than the amalgamation of the two inferior court systems into one system modelled largely upon the plan of the present Division Court.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the regular annual meeting of L. O. No. 172, the following officers were elected and installed: Bro. James H. W. M.

" Elmer Beckman—D. M.—T. H. Matthews—Chaplain.

" Morley Higley—Rec. Sec.

" Harry Nugent—Fin. Sec.

" Albert Thompson—Treasurer.

" Wm. Emmons—Dir. of. C. C.

" Peter Hubbard—Lecturer.

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" Elgin Weaver—Committee.

Meeting was first Wednesday of every month. Visiting brethren always welcome.

The old grist mill in Marmora is being used for a woolen mill.

The Belleville newspapers make an appeal to the public for financial assistance for W. H. Ponton in his second trial.

The people of Bancroft are urged to vote a bonus of \$2,500 for a branch of the Central Ontario Railway from Ormsby to their village.

Mr. W. H. Ponton, now famous on account of the great bank robbery trial, is said to have accepted a position as a traveller for a Kingston tobacco house.

The Deseronto car shops are building fifty box cars for the Intercolonial Railway. Each car is of 60,000 lbs. capacity, and will be built of the very best materials.

Thos. Wills' residence in Belleville was broken into on Thursday night last. His loss was \$500, insured for \$500. The robbery was owned by Mr. Cochran estate; loss, \$1,500, insured for \$500.

Rev. W. A. Stewart, M.A., is the new pastor of the Presbyterian church at Marmora, which includes North Marmora and Big Springs. He is a graduate of Glasgow University, and has been in Canada for about two years. His first charge was at Sheet Harbor, Nova Scotia.

A wedding took place at the home of Mr. John Booth, of the township of Rawdon, on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 6th, when his daughter, Willmenia, was united in marriage to James Sankey Stewart. The bride was beautifully dressed in a white satin and lace dress trimmed with cream satin ribbons, and wore a pale blue cashmere dress, and wore a pale blue cashmere dress, and a white lace and blue ribbon. Wm. Booth ably supported the groom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. McCulloch. Marmora Herald.

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"THE CHRISTIAN" for December is as usual full of excellent and helpful articles. The late C. H. Spurgeon said "The Christian is the best paper that comes to me." Send \$1.00 for a year's subscription to the publisher, W. L. Hastings, 47 Cornhill, Boston, Mass.

The Burnbrae post office has been removed from the residence of Mr. A. T. Donald to the residence of Mr. Wm. Fry, who is the postmaster. The change has been made in view of the death of the late respected postmaster, Alex. Donald, who was appointed to the position in the year 1855, and died it up to the time of his death in May last. Campbellford Herald.

The Farmers' Binder Twine Company, of Brantford, of which Hon. Thos. Ballantyne, a member of parliament, has just paid the asternishing dividend of 100 per cent on its capital stock for the year ending Oct. 15 last. The company accounts for the enormous profits by the good crops, and the fact that it had been able to purchase material at an unusually low price. It is generally understood that the original shareholders already have drawn dividends equal to the money they put into the concern.

It is probable that peat will come into general use in Canada as a fuel before long. Options have been secured on properties along the lines of the O. & N. Y. & W. R. R. which are known to be large quantities of peat, and no doubt they will be developed before long. A company is beginning to work the great beds in the township of Ellice, near Stratford, which resemble those in Freetown and Russell counties. The peat is broken into hard cylinders, which burn equal to coal, and can be produced much cheaper.



A Group of Little Patients at the Hospital for Sick Children.

TO LIFT THE MORTGAGE

A GREAT CHARITY'S APPEAL

The Grand Work of Ontario's Sweetest Charity.
The Hospital for Sick Children — Hampered by a Mortgage of \$50,000.

To love abundantly is to live abundantly. The Biblical story of the Good Samaritan is a delineation of the greatest thing in the world—love.

The Hospital for Sick Children was built by those who were large in enterprise for the alleviation of the pain and suffering of helpless little children. The building is one of the best equipped hospitals in the world. It is capable of accommodating 175 sick children. To-day there are over 100 little patients in the Hospital, all being nursed and treated by skillful physicians and trained nurses.

The work has been carried on during the past year without stint. Over 5000 children were helped back to health.

Of these 630 patients were cared for in the cots. One-third of the patients came from places outside of Toronto.

The Hospital is a provincial institution.

Its services are free to the children of parents who cannot afford to pay the small fees charged.

Some of the most difficult surgical operations have been skillfully and successfully performed at the Hospital.

Many a parent has had cause to bless the great charity, not only for saving their child's life, but for making happy what had otherwise been a sorrowful life.

Children who had been cripples for life but for the ministrations of the Hospital will grow up strong and straight, and in the years to come they, too, will bless the work of the Hospital and return thanks in some tangible manner.

In twenty-two years the Hospital for Sick Children has been the means of helping 30,000 sick children.

This is a grand institution—one word of sympathy and help of sympathy.

Through for 22 years the Hospital has been doing this work, the workers in the institution have always been harassed by debt and hampered for need of money.

This year the mortgage of \$50,000 falls due, and will the amount of the interest on the same be paid off the institution will be hampered by a heavy load.

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There are 200 papers published in the province, and the readers of the paper can contribute \$100 amongst them, that sum would maintain a cot for a year—and perhaps save the life of a tiny darling.

Young ones first look back on life that the moments of joy, the moments when you recollect often, the moments when you have really done things for others, and the joy of the friends of the work that the Hospital requires for maintenance.

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HOUSEHOLD.

A CHICKEN PIE.

Select a pair of chickens about a year old, and draw them carefully. Remove the fat, as it gives a rank flavor, but is excellent fried out for various purposes. Be careful to remove the oil-bag. This also gives a rank flavor. Take out each of the tenons in the drum-stick. Cut the feet off and remove the skin by scalding and tearing off with the toes.

Lay the chickens on their breasts in a kettle of boiling water. Add to the water the skinned feet, one small onion cut in half, half a small carrot, one leek, a sprig of celery and two of parsley. Let the chickens simmer until they are nearly cooked. It will take one hour and a half, if they are tender year-old fowls. The water must just simmer all the time the chickens are cooking; that is, small bubbles must steadily rise, but there must be no violent agitation in the centre of the liquid around the chickens. At the end of this time, set the chickens away in an earthen bowl and strain over them the liquid in which they were cooking.

In removing skin off the layer of fat that covers the stock, and take out the chickens. This stock or liquor in which they were cooked is valuable for soup, and must be kept for the purpose. Cut the chickens in pieces, removing the skin and bones, and lay the pieces aside. There should be about two quarts of this chicken meat.

Melt in a saucepan three even tablespoonsfuls of butter, and add a tablespoonful of flour.

As soon as the mixture froths, add slowly a pint of the chicken stock. Then add a cup of thin cream or very rich milk, and as soon as the mixture begins to thicken, add three eggs, beaten, with a little of the hot gravy. Remove the sauce from the fire at once to prevent the eggs curdling, and season with a scant tablespoonful of salt and pepper.

Meanwhile have ready a deep earthenware pudding dish. Line it on the sides half-way down, but not at the bottom, with pastry. Put the pieces of chicken in the dish and pour the sauce over them. Cover the dish and cover them. Roll out a cover of puff paste and cut out a circular opening to let out the steam when the pie is baking.

Take the pie for one hour in a moderately hot oven, setting the dish holding it in a pan of hot water, reaching half-way up the sides. Brush over the crust, if you wish, with white of eggs, before baking. If you wish the pie to have a very festive appearance, make a wreath of thin scraps of pastry, etc., after rolling out the cover, cut into leaves and flower petals, with a decoration of parsley.

SUGGESTIONS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

A correspondent of an exchange gives the recipe for a soap which will clean woodwork or any painted surface without injury: Dissolve three ounces of borax in two quarts of warm water; add two bars of good white soap, shaved fine, and stir until the soap is melted. When cold it should form a jelly. A tablespoonful in a gallon of water will form a strong lather and is excellent for cleaning paint, windows, marble or silver. It washes colored clothes without fading them, and is generally useful.

On baking day, if you have some pie crust left, take an equal quantity of bread dough and ready to make into loaves and mix together. Beat it with a rolling-pin anywhere from three to nine inches, roll out rather thinner than for biscuits, let rise while, prick them with a fork, bake in a quick oven and introduce your family to them. Maryland biscuit.

A barrel of flour will make nearly double its weight in bread. Flour rapidly deteriorates, so use it unless kept dry. It absorbs moisture and this moisture impairs the gluten, which is indispensable to the lightness of the bread; besides, it changes some of the starch into sugar, and the yeast, known as dextrin, acts this makes the bread heavy and sodden.

One reason why housekeepers fail with salt-rising bread, says one who knows, is because they do not know that the rising should not be jarred after it begins to ferment.

DOMESTIC RECIPES.

Tomato Sauce for Spaghetti.—Boil the spaghetti in plenty of salted water till thoroughly done. Take one tablespoonful of butter—a generous one; half a cup of cheese and a teaspoonful of flour; let melt and stir till it comes to a paste. Strain one quart of Romatose, add, stirring constantly, to the paste. When thoroughly cooked add one grated onion; let it simmer for a long time, then season with salt and cayenne pepper. Serve the spaghetti on small plates, pour the tomato sauce over it and add grated cheese. This is the recipe used by a famous Italian restaurateur of this city, and it will be found delicious.

Scone Pudding.—One cup of bread flour, one cup of sugar, one cup of milk till thoroughly done. Take one tablespoonful of butter—a generous one; half a cup of molasses, one cup of seed raisins, and a quarter of a teaspoonful each of cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice. Beat well and bake three quarters of an hour. Serve it with hard sauce.

Cider Jelly.—Soak half a box of gelatin in half a cup of cold water till soft. Add to it one cup of boiling water, and stir till dissolved. Add one pint of cider, pour into wet molds and set aside to harden. If the cider is very sweet add the whole or part of the juice of a lemon.

PRESERVED PUMPKIN CHIPS.

Preserved pumpkin-chips are much prized by the town housewives, but seldom seen in the country. Choose the largest in the country. Choose the largest.

deepest colored pumpkin obtainable, and cut round and round in rings one inch thick; slice the rings crosswise into this chips, and weigh. For every five pounds of fruit, allow an equal weight of granulated sugar and one dozen lemons. If you use a lemon-squeezer press half the lemons. Slice a layer of sugar between the plates, then a layer of chips, then one of sugar. When all are covered, sprinkle the lemon juice evenly over the chips. Let stand in the sun over night. In the morning drain off the syrup into a porcelain-lined or granite plate, slowly bring to a boil, and add when well heated, and fatten for market, the most attractive appearance to the buyers. As far as their feeding qualities are concerned there will be very little difference in the value of a bunch of calves if they represent any of the recognized beef breeds, such as Shorthorn, Hereford, or Polled Angus, but it certainly affects the market value if the animals are other than representatives of the beef breeds. Calves of the dairy breeds if taken at a few days old and forced with feed until they are from six weeks to two months old, will pay very fair price if sold for veal, but should be kept at a loss if fed to maturity. In selecting calves for feeders it is best not only to select those representing the beef breeds, but also to restrict the selection of the number to be fed to one single breed, that is, if a part of the calves are Polled Angus try to get all Polled Angus, at least enough of a kind for a car load.

A bunch of any kind of stock always looks better if they are all alike in color, size, conformation and condition for market, and in reality they are more valuable than if composed of diverse types of animals, for if part of the lot are desirable to the buyer then all must necessarily be so, there can be "no throw-outs," and so it is a good plan, as far as possible, to select cattle of the same color. A bunch of cattle made up of well-matched individuals are very attractive. Their uniformity in appearance is a splendid advertisement with which to attract buyers. Men will stop to look at a well matched lot of cattle when they would pass by another lot equally fattened but poorly mated. It is also important in selecting feeding calves, to pay strict attention to the conformation of the animals. Select animals having a well developed beef form, that is, it should be well developed in those parts of the body which make the highest priced meats. Butchers cannot afford to pay as much for cattle that do not up to the largest amounts of high priced meat as they can for those that do cut up well. Breeders of pedigree cattle have for many years sought to produce animals of the highest types of beef conformation, and a feeder of cattle should take care to make his purchases for his feed lot the blood of the most popular strains. Cattle having a good beef form the animal should have a form which denotes considerable vigor. It should have the deep body and wide-spaced ribs which denote great lung and heart room. These organs and the digestive organs are the machinery which converts the grain and grass into beef, and the better developed these organs are the greater is the animal's power for converting feed into meat. The main points of breed conformation and constitutional vigor are the principal features which should engage the attention of those who are selecting cattle for feeders, who there is one other it is well to note, that the animal has a quiet disposition. A quiet animal always fattens easier than a restless one, while an irritable, nervous, quarreling animal is an abomination in a feed lot. Not being thrifty itself it is a detriment to all the others.

TOO MANY WOMEN.

It must be disquieting to those who consider marriage to be every woman's birth-right to see how stealthily, but surely her chances of realizing her destiny are diminishing. The census of 1871 showed that the women in the United Kingdom outnumbered the males by no fewer than 1,000,000. In 1881 the number in England and Wales had grown to 986,038, and at the last census, in 1891, the surplus females (not that under any conditions woman could be considered surplus) numbered 1,112,512. Thus of the class of women of families who for matrimonial purposes must be deemed very attractive, there are at present 1,112 females to every 1,000 males, and must be content to leave at intervals of a yard, this year alone, to carry the tale of its gripes from London right across the border into Cork, and even there they would find no redress.

MULCHING STRAWBERRIES.—The plant should be covered with some coarse material just before the severest weather comes on in the fall, say the latter part of November. It may be applied before the ground freezes or after it is frozen solid. If covered before, the mulch should be dropped off at the ends of the rows and carried onto the bed with forks. After the ground is frozen, you can drive anywhere, depositing the material where most convenient to spread. The earth surface should be covered just deep enough to entomb the plant. When applied the straw will be about three inches deep. Rain and snow will cause it to pack down, and another application will be necessary.

Dobson.—So the factional fight is on again in the First Baptist Church, Hobson—Yea, half the congregation are opposed to the new pastor, Dobson.

—What has he been doing? Hobson—

Pleasing the other half.

At the Shrine of Taste.—Do ye well,

Ettal is it true? They say ye

are engaged with Mr. Smith. Is it off

it? It will break off my re-

quest. His name would not hyphenate with mine. Think how Ettal Black-Smith would sound.

Reuben—Did you find that ready let-

ter-writer, who ye thought would

be the best in the land?

—Amelia—No, bosh!

—The letters in dingbok wuz ad-

dressed to Dearest Angelina and Dear-

est Gladys and Dearest Penelope,

and my gal's name is Mary Jane Hep-

burn.

The problem of the sexes assumes

startling proportions when we con-

sider that the females in the United

Kingdom are now placed in single file

at intervals of a yard, and six feet,

could whisper a secret entirely round

the earth at the equator.

The females of England would form

a column, long enough to span

Lizard Point to Berwick-on-Tweed.

Similarly arranged at intervals of a

yard, the female sex, than a yard,

the fair army of Scotland, five abreast,

could link the Grampians with the

Greats, Ireland's equally fair army,

four abreast, would stretch across the

isular fair, one column, four abreast,

extending in a straight line from Charing Cross to

Woking.

Snail—Papa, what makes a man of

gives a woman a diamond engagement

ring? Her Father—The woman,

On the Farm.

SELECTING CALVES FOR FEEDERS.

At the present time of scarcity of cattle the matter of selection becomes a question of "How to choose," taking into account the number of calves, then the quality of feeding stock it is better to

keep in mind the type of cattle which

make the best feeders and such as will

when matured and fattened for market,

present the most attractive appear-

ance to the buyers. As far as

their feeding qualities are concerned

there will be very little difference in

the value of a bunch of calves if they

represent any of the recognized beef

breeds, such as Shorthorn, Hereford,

or Polled Angus, but it certainly af-

fects the market value if the animals are

other than representatives of the beef

breeds. Calves of the dairy

breeds if taken at a few days old and

forced with feed until they are from

six weeks to two months old, will pay

very fair price if sold for veal, but

should be kept at a loss if fed to ma-

turity. The apartment where bees are kept in the cellar must be kept in absolute

darkness at all times, and the artificial

heat of any kind used. The bees

may be stacked up one above another

by first making a bunch out of 24

scantlings, placing the scantlings about

four inches apart, set up on iron

twelve or twelve inches high. Set the

bees on this by leaving the bottom

boards off the hives and placing them

eight inches apart. The next row

is set in the space between the

bees, and so on up as high as conve-

nient. In this manner the bottom of

the hives being open, and the space be-

tween the bees being open, allows

the bees to drop down and entirely cut

the way. This also gives the proper

ventilation and at the same time the

bees are kept separate from each

other, and so the bees are not

apt to get into each other's nests.

When the bees are well stretched out

they are ready to be taken out.

They become more dangerous when

they have tasted the blood of their

victim, and are not usually disposed

to give it up without a fight. I remem-

ber the case of a survey officer in In-

dia, who was told by his men that

the tiger had come to the camp.

The tiger, disturbed by his noise,

ran up to the surveyor and bit him

on the hand. The surveyor, however,

was not afraid, and, holding a stick,

he struck the tiger on the head, and

the tiger ran away. The surveyor

then went to the camp and told his

men that the tiger had been driven

off. The men said, "We are not

afraid of tigers, but we are afraid of

mosquitoes." The surveyor said,

"I am not afraid of tigers, but I am

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Young Folks.

THAT BAD TEDDY BROWN.
The worstest boy I ever see
Is 'em' that Teddy Brown.
He's bad and bad and bad
To wit, me awhile, an' play.
An' said our pa's an' ma's
Jes' give us things on Christmas day.
An' th' ain't no Santa Claus.

I hain't gon' play with Teddy Brown.
I like to, well as I can, but
He says Santa don't come down.
A chum like we got, can't go.
An' he says how would his sleigh go.
Last Christmas time, because
There wasn't none a Santa of snow.
So th' ain't no Santa Claus.

He's got the worstest boy I guess
The over was, an' I
Haf's gon' to play with him, but
Go on an' pass him by;
So'd you, if you could, tell him say
That's our pa's and ma's
Will give us things on Christmas
day.
An' th' ain't no Santa Claus.

TOMMY'S LUNCH.

It was a very nice lunch to begin with, and if you could have peeped into Tommy Brown's tin dinner pail, I know that you would have said so too. There were sandwiches, filled with minced chicken, a generous piece of sugar gingerbread, a custard baked in a blue and white cup, and a bright red apple, and as Tommy saw all the nice things being packed in by his mother, he thought that they looked very appetizing, and that he should enjoy them very much at recess time, for he was always pretty hungry by then, but that lunch was fated to meet with many mishaps.

In the first place, Tommy was so busy working on his snow-man that he did not come in to get ready for school until the very last minute, and then he had to hurry so, he forgot his lunch altogether, until he had got part way down the street. So he had to come back, and that made him later, and he started to run, when he stubbed his toe, and down he went, and the snow came out into the snow all but the custard—fortunately that remained in the pail, and Tommy hastily brushed the snow from the sandwich and gingerbread rubbed up the apple, put it in his pocket, and started on the road once more, but when he came to Mr. Allen's house, out rushed Mrs. Don.

Now Don and Tommy were great friends, and many a romp and tumble they had had together, so when Don came running running along the tin pail, he thought it an invitation to join in a race, and frisked and jumped about till soon they were all down in a heap again, only this time, poor Tommy had to sit up, and his lunch up. Don had eaten the sandwiches and the custard was upside down. Tommy managed to save most of it, however, and the gingerbread and apple, which he thought would taste good. But, alas! when he opened it, he found that the last that last custard must have broken, and had soaked into the gingerbread, till it was impossible to tell which was which for the custard had got out on the ground and the custard had got out on the custard, but the apple and Tommy did not get much of that either, for he gave four bites away and he had already promised the core to a boy who had given him a bite before.

It seemed a long, long time to Tommy before the closing bell rang, and then he hurried home as quickly as he could, and when he told his mother about his lunch, she thought that he ought to have, not only an extra big dinner, but also a second helping of pudding, an opinion with which Tommy fully agreed.

BEASTS AND BIRDS.

One rarely finds in the woods or fields the dead body of a wild animal, as such carcasses are soon devoured, although the bones may often be seen. Everything pray on something else, the wounded, the old, and the sick speedily fall into the power of their enemies. The creatures can scarcely find any place so secluded as to be secure; the hurt bird sees the shadow of the hawk as it soars with keen eye, looking for its prey. Day and night the birds and beasts prowl about, and seek safety, sense, feeble, and aged meet speedy destruction.

How much the wild animals know of death! It is impossible to say, yet two things are certain; they have a fear of it, and they understand how to avoid it, and escape. They know that killing is generally to obtain food, but one animal does not attempt to bite a piece of food out of another living creature; it aims to kill first, and then to eat.

The wild creatures, within the regions thickly peopled by men, have now an inherent fear of man. A man upon horseback ride under a tree on which a hawk is, looking down with an exulting heart, while it would speedily fly from a man walking. On horseback one can get near to a covey of partridges. Gulls do not show dread of horses or cattle, but by this time they all know man.

Teacher—Johnny, can you tell me what is meant by "steward"? Johnny—A steward is a man that doesn't mind his own business. Teacher—Why, where did you get that idea? Johnny—Well, I looked it up in the dictionary, and it said, "A man who attends to the affairs of others."

ABOUT THE HUMAN BODY.

Physiological Facts Which Will Astonish Nearly Every One who Reads.

Human beings are of all sizes, but the tall man is less common than the short; only one in every 200 exceeds the height of six feet. For every foot of stature a man should weigh from 20 to 28 pounds—proportion that is not the lot of all in these burrying, scurrying days.

An average-sized man weighs 140 pounds; a woman 125 pounds. Curiously enough, the mean weight and height of lunatics are below those of some people. Another unexpected thing in this respect is that a negro's skeleton weighs more than that of an Englishman.

The vitalizing power in the blood, a drop of which takes but 22 seconds to go the round of the body, is passed through the body in every three minutes an amount of this precious fluid equal to all that is contained in the body.

The mileage of the blood circulation is a most astonishing and unremedied fact. It is estimated that, assuming the average speed of the heart to be 60 beats a minute, the blood travels 207 yards in 60 seconds, in other words, 12,420 feet an hour, 188 a day, or 66,960 feet a year.

If a man of 54 could have one single blood corpuscle floating in his blood all his life, it would have traveled that path 1,000,000 times. The average weight of the brain of an adult male is 3 pounds 8 ounces; of a female 2 pounds 4 ounces. The woman's brain begins to decline in weight after the age of 30, and 10 years later, according to high authorities, the nerves, with their branches and minute ramifications connecting with the brain, exceed 10,000,000 in number.

The bones of the hands and soles of the feet are composed of cushions of fat, in order that sudden jolts and violent blows may be successfully resisted, and no injury done to the muscles and bones.

The muscles of which the tongue monopolizes 11, and bones of the human structure in combination are capable of more than 1,200 different motions.

The teaching of experience indicates that accidents are far more likely to occur to the right leg and arm than to the left. Further evidence of this fact is supplied by the makers of artificial limbs. They find that the right limb hangs to the right side of the body than to the other. Statistics show that in 54 cases out of 100 the left leg is stronger than the right.

If a man could move his legs proportionately as fast as an ant, he would travel not far short of 800 miles an hour.

ST. VITUS DANCE.

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Winfred Schofield, of Carpenters, N. S., Tell How Obtained a Speedy and Permanent Cure.

From the Acadian, Wolfville, N. S. The many cases brought to his notice of residence in the vicinity being reported in the daily and weekly press, the agency of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, have created in the mind of the Acadian representative a sincere belief in the healing powers of this remedy. Yet without a doubt, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills would bring the brightness back to the eyes, the bloom to the cheek, the firmness to the step, the vigor to the entire body.

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There's a load off my mind, said the Italian lady, as she disposed the seven bushels of coal that she had picked up along the railroad tracks.

The Probabilities.

Are that your temper will improve, and you will enjoy walking and skating in real earnest once that sore corn is removed. Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor never fails, gives no pain and will relieve you in twenty-four hours. Give Putnam's Corn Extractor a trial and be happy!

McLouberty, bearing a suspicious noise in the kitchen—Mokey, phat are yez doin' out ther? Little Mike Nauhwin, sir, McLouberty, sternly—Well, stop it at wance!

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Lausive Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists and the House of Lause.

Her Mother—I am surprised at Charles squandering so much money on a phonograph. The Witch is not nearly as bad as I am.

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The under-signed has for service Improved Berkshire and Tamworth Boars, both thoroughbred. Terms 75cts. Also a number of small pigs for sale.

URBANE HEATH,
Lot 12, Con. 7, Rawdon.

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I have for service Thoroughbred Tamworth and Doric Jersey Boars, registered pedigree.

Thoroughbred Tamworth pigs for sale, either sex. Prices right.

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Lot 12, Con. 6, Rawdon. Sine P. O.

NOTICE.

I will be at L. Melklejohn's store, Stirling, every Saturday afternoon, to receive Taxes.

J. T. COOK,
Collector, Township of Rawdon.

For Service.

A thoroughbred Improved Suffolk Boar, Reg. "Whinfield Scott," 228s. Terms 75c.

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Daisy Churns, Granite Ware, Robertson's Mixed Paints, &c.

All Repairing done on short notice, FURNACE WORK a specialty.

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We must have all overdue accounts settled at once.

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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Transcendental Stirling station as follows:

GOING WEST. GOING EAST.
Mail..... 6:15 a.m. Mail..... 1:45 p.m.
Mixed..... 6:45 p.m. Mixed..... 10:30 p.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1898

LOCAL MATTERS.

His Lordship the Bishop of Ottawa will consecrate the Church of St. Lawrence on Friday afternoon at 8 o'clock.

The apostolic Rite of Confirmation will be administered in St. John's Church, Stirling, on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Beautiful silk suspenders in assorted colors, each pair in nice box, suitable for Xmas presents, at war's.

The County Court commenced its sessions in Belleville on Tuesday. There is very little business to come before it.

There will be a special meeting of the Stirling Lodge A. O. U. W. No. 314 on Monday evening, the 19th. All members are requested to attend. Don't fail.

White and colored silk Handkerchiefs, 25c. for Xmas at war's.

The Milk-maid's drill and the hunt for Santa Claus will be attractive features of the Christmas entertainment at the Methodist Church on Friday evening, Dec. 29th. Don't miss it.

The largest and best assured stock of Crocker, China, Glassware, etc., especially for the Christmas trade will be found at S. Holden's, Rawdon, his advertisement.

Suitable presents, a pair of Gloves, Necktie, Silk Mufflers, Dress Shirt, Collars and Cuffs, Cut Buttons, and Cuff Links from war's.

The sale of road allowance in the township of Rawdon, between lots 18 and 19 in the 2nd. Con. took place yesterday by Public Auction. Mr. B. A. Lucas, of Sidney, was the purchaser.

As Christmas day comes on Sunday this year the bell will ring for Santa Claus 24 hours earlier than usual and he will distribute his presents at the Methodist Church on Friday evening, Dec. 29th.

Comfortable presents, a pair of Fur Gauntlets, Fur Muff, Collar, Cape, Cap or Bon from war's.

The snow storm and high winds of last week have left the roads, especially the north and south ones, in the worst condition probably ever known for so early in the season. In many places they were impassable until considerable shovelling was done.

The election campaign in North Hastings is now on in earnest, and meetings in behalf of each candidate are being held in various parts of the riding. It is likely one or more meetings will be held here next week at which some prominent men will speak.

The Ridge Road S. S. intend holding their annual Entertainment on Thursday evening Dec. 22nd. Professor Honeywell is expected to be with us. Admission—adults 50c.; single 25c.; children 10c. Everybody come and enjoy an evening with us. By order of committee.

The services in the Methodist Church on Christmas day, Sunday Dec. 29th, will be of special interest. A Christian's Sermon will be preached the morning by the pastor, Rev. Wm. Johnston. In the afternoon there will be a general rally of old and young in the body of the Church, when a service of singing, recitations and addresses will be held. In the evening a Christmas song service will be given.

The annual Doggett meeting of the Stirling L. O. L. No. 110 was held in their Lodge room on Tuesday the 18th of December. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

W. M.—J. Earl Halliwell.

D. J. A. —D. J. A. —

Chaplin—G. L. Scott.

Fin. Sec.—Thos. Montgomery.

Treasurer.—John Arthur.

Rec. Sec.—John McGehee.

Loc. Sec.—Wm. Rodgers.

Loc. Sec.—Thos. Anders and S. Patterson.

Committee.—J. Barlow, Wm. Holden,

Wm. Rodgers, A. McGehee, John McGehee.

Auditors.—F. T. Ward, W. S. Martin.

L. E. Halliwell, Rec. Sec.

Gen. H. McGehee and wife, of Shady Nook, are here on a visit to his parents and friend.

The Christmas Entertainment of the Methodist Sunday School will be held on the evening of Friday the 23rd. The excellent programme of singing, recitations, drills, dialogues and debates that has been prepared is full of variety and will be interesting and entertaining to everybody. Admission 20 cents.

Mr. Will Grain intends running the skating rink on the pond here this winter, and announces that the rink will be in good condition for skating on Saturday afternoon.

The live question of the day! Shall we have Water-works and Electric Light in Stirling? This question will be fully ventilated by the young men in the Methodist Church on Friday evening 23rd inst. In view of the coming municipal election, every ratepayer of the town should hear the arguments pro and con.

It is perfectly proper to "lie, steal, drink and swear," if done according to the following formula:—When you lie, let it be down to pleasant dreams; when you drink, let it be nothing but pure, cold water; when you steal, let it be away from immoral associates; when you swear, swear that you will patronize your home paper, pay your subscription in advance, and not send your job work from home.

The Rev. C. J. H. Hutton, Rector of Christ Church, Belleville, has nearly completed his canvass of the parish of Stirling for the Diocesan Augmentation Endowment fund. The subscriptions of St. John's Church parishioners amounted to \$355.00 and St. Thomas' Church, Rawdon, \$188.00 making a total of \$1043.00.

Mr. Hutton is meeting with astonishing success in every parish he has visited.

Fine Grey Lamb Caps.

Now is the time to make your selection or a good cap for your little girl or boy. The first cap in these sizes is all ways very desirable. The Oak Hall, Belleville, have a carefully selected stock, prices \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50. We invite a comparison of values on these grey lamb caps.

Married.

SPENDER-LINER.—At the residence of the Rev. G. H. Spender, 10, Queen St., on Nov. 20th, 1898, MRS. HEDDER SPENCER and MISS TILLY LINN, of Glandwood-Herbert.—In Trelton, on Dec. 13th, by Rev. Gilbert Horton, at the residence of the bride's parents, NELSON GIRDWOOD, of Trelton, and MRS. NETTIE HOUSETON, of Rawdon.

GREEN-GUILLET.—At the residence of the bride's father, Wm. Guillet, Esq., by Rev. W. Wilson, LL.B., on Dec. 14, WM. GREEN, of Marmora, and THOMAS GUILLET, of Rawdon.

J. Boldrick & Son
Invite the people to come and see the FURS they have to offer for your inspection now at Xmas time.

Ladies' & Gentlemen's Fur Caps

fine dark colors and prime Furs, COON COATS, CLOTH LINED CAPEs, and FINE SEAL CAPEs, trimmed with Sable. MANTLES in great variety, beautiful shades of Green, and Satin lined. Look out for our ad. card next week.

We have now some very choice Grey Lamb Gauntlets and Mitts for Xmas Gifts, and Grey Lamb Girls' Capes to offer.

J. BOLDRICK & SON.

Christmas Buying

Has started, and we are prepared for it with the best assortment of goods ever offered in Stirling. Everybody is just claiming to have the best goods, but PARKER'S is recognized for everything that is the latest and best in our line.

DRY GOODS.

Brocade Lustre 35c. now 25c. Ladies' Vests 20c. now... 15c. Wrappettes 15c. now... 12c. Tam O'Shanter 25c. now 15c. Gold Cloakings... less than cost. Tam O'Shanter 50c. now... 35c.

DO NOT FORGET OUR ULSTERS.

BOOTS & SHOES.

Just a few pairs left. Now is your time to secure a pair.

WE HAVE A FRESH STOCK OF GROCERIES

on hand, bought especially for the Xmas trade.

Highest price paid for Dried Apples, Butter, Eggs, Poultry.

ALL REPAIR ACCOUNTS, whether Threshing or Reaper, must be paid at once.

E. F. PARKER.

IT IS SATISFACTION

To know that Goods at this store are exactly as represented. That fact carries great weight with the buying public, who have realized, by actual experience, that in coming here they will not be disappointed, besides procuring the best goods, the best assortment. We guarantee them every satisfaction, even to the extent of refunding money.

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS

For the next 10 days we will give exceptional value in GENTS' FURNISHINGS. It will pay you to get our prices before buying elsewhere.

GROCERIES & CONFECTIONERY.

We have purchased a large stock of first class Groceries and Confectionery for the Christmas trade.

TEA

You can make no mistake in trying a pound of our 25c. Tea.

SALT

We have a good supply always in stock.

WM. HOLDEN.

LOOK!

C Xmas Presents!

Imported Specially for Holiday Trade.—

Useful and Ornamental.

BOUGHT DIRECT from POTTERIES
AT PRICES UNHEARD OF, AND ASSORTMENT LARGEST

EVER SHOWN IN STIRLING.

—COMPRISING—

Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Tea Services, 50c. Sets, Flower Pots, Vases, Table Sets, Chocolate Pots, Cups and Saucers, Mugs, Fancy Shapes in Salads, Fruit Sets, Cake Plates, and many other useful Gifts.

Cut Glass Pattern

BERRY SETS, JUGS, CAKE STANDS, NUT BOWLS,

TUMBLERS, GOBLETS, ETC.

White, Colored and Rockingham ware at special prices.

Come early and secure best choice. By paying a small deposit you can have any article put away up to the 23rd.

FRESH OYSTERS ALWAYS ON HAND.

S. HOLDEN.

HARDWARE!

Buy the

MILITARY

SNIDER

RIFLE

20 Rounds of Cartridge and a Bayonet thrown in.

Call and get Low Prices.

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Births, Marriages and Deaths inserted free.

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TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

TO JAN. 1, 1900, ONLY \$1.00.

THE STIRLING NEWS-ARGUS.

\$1.00 PER ANNUM IN ADVANCE;
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STIRLING, HASTINGS COUNTY, ONT., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1898.

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HERE I AM AGAIN

SANTA CLAUS has made his Headquarters at Fred. Ward's this year.

And you will get your Xmas presents there. They are all comfortable, or namental, and useful. Call early and have them laid aside for you. We have put in the following goods as specialties for Xmas presents, and for variety of choice cannot be excelled.

Fancy Satin Suspenders, assorted colors, each pair done up separately in a neat box, suitable for Xmas Presents, 10c., 45c., 60c., 75c., \$1.10.

Silk Mullers, Scotch plaid, shepherd plaid, pure white, 75c. to \$1.50.

Cashmere Mullers, 25c. to 75c. White Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c. to \$1.00.

Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, assorted colors, beautiful patterns, 25c. to \$1.50.

Neck-Wear - - Neck-Wear

We have excelled ourselves this year for the Xmas trade. The variety of styles, designs and colors is far too vast to mention them all. Puffs, Derby's, Flying Ends, Clubs, Strings, Bows, Knots—anything and everything now in Neckwear you will find here from 15c. to 75c.

Gloves & Mitts.

We have a STOCK of the above, not a few pairs, to choose from. Silk Lined, Fur Lined, Fancy Wool Lined, from 50c. up to \$3.00. Keep your hands warm.

OUR UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT is well assorted. Suits from 90c. to \$3.00.

FURS. - FURS. - FURS.

Ladies' Fur Gauntlets, Imitation Lamb Gauntlets, Capelines, Collars, Ruffs, Muffs, Capes, Boas, Jackets, Men's Fur Coats, Caps and Collars.

We are issuing checks for every Cash purchase. We want to make this Store YOUR Store.

If Santa Claus can get an extra freight train we will want 500 School children to call on Saturday, as it will bring something for them, at

FRED. T. WARD'S,
THE PEOPLES TAILOR, FURNISHER & FURRIER.

HOLIDAY BUYING.

EVER DAY A BUSY DAY, AND EVERYBODY HAPPY THIS WEEK.

FLANNELETTE BLANKETS, in white and grey, size 10/4 for 80cts.; size 11/4 for \$1.00; size 11/4 for \$1.25; size 11/4 for \$1.50.

HANDKERCHIEFS.—Our assortment is very large, prices from 3c. to 30c. each. Men's and boys' White Silk Hdks., all sizes, from 25c. to 65c.

RIBBONS, for finishing up your fancy work. We have all prices in Satin and Silk Ribbons.

CASHMERE SHAWLS.—The "Old Folks" as well as the "Young Folks" appreciate a handsome Shawl as a Xmas gift. Prices from 75c. to \$2.

FANCY DISHES.—Our table of Fancy China is well filled yet, and many more fine presents to be had yet.

LADIES' KID GLOVES, in all colors and prices, ranging from 50c. to \$1.25 per pair. MEN'S WHITE KID GLOVES, for weddings and parties. A new lot just here, prices only 50c., all sizes.

MEN'S FINE WHITE SHIRTS.—Our prices are right, both in laun- dried and unlaundred, from 50c.

ROGGERIES.—A special bargain in Raisins and Currants, Candies and Nuts for Christmas trade. Come here to buy your supply. A full line in everything else.

POULTRY.—We have all kinds for a Christmas dinner. Don't pass this store, but get your wants supplied here.

Buying Poultry, Dried Apples, Butter and Beans.

C. F. STICKLE,
GENERAL MERCHANT.

--XMAS :- GOODS--

Do not fail to see our Stock of Goods

---On Exhibition for the Christmas Trade.

WATCHES—CLOCKS,—CHAINS,—BRACELETS,—RINGS,—STICK PINS,—GARTERS,—TOILET ARTICLES,—MANICURE PAPER KNIVES,—BOOK MARKS,—BANQUET LAMPS, SILK SHADES,—FLOWER POTS,—and a host of other articles.

WE INVITE INSPECTION.

W. H. CALDER,
JEWELER & OPTICIAN.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME !

Neither is there any place like JOHN SHAW'S for Groceries, Provisions and Crockery. You needn't take our word for it. We give you a cordial invitation to come and see. You will need an extra supply for Christmas, on account of friends coming to see you. We can supply you, and our prices are right.

Cranberries, Spices,
Currants, Flour,
Raisins, Pork,
Peels, Lard,
Sugar, Salt.

In fact, everything you need in Groceries or Provisions.

FRESH OYSTERS and FINNAN HADDIES now on hand.

THE FINEST LINE OF CROCKERY IN TOWN.

JOHN SHAW.

Annual Examination for Teachers'
Third Class Professional Certi-
ficates.

This examination was held in the County Model School, Madoc, on Dec. 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th. On the 5th and 6th, the Examination was a written examination on papers set by the Education Department on the Science of Education, School Management, Methods in Mathematics, Methods in English, School Law and Regulations, and School Hygiene. On the following days the practical-aptitude-training were examined in Practical Teaching and in Blackboard Work. Since that time the Board have been engaged in reading and valuing the answers.

There were 94 students in training, and, in addition, 21 teachers wrote at the written examination for a renewal of their professional certificates.

The written answers gave indications of very careful training and preparation. The actual teaching of the students was of an average character. The Board would be pleased to see a decided improvement in this most important of all subjects.

The following students have been awarded Provincial Third Class Certificates valid in any part of the Province, from the first day of January 1899:—

Ashley, Bessie. Thompson, Lillian
Clancy, Anna. Farsey, Olga
Farrell, Annie. Ketcheson, Rose
Frost, Edith. Bristol, Wesley
Foley, Nellie. Collins, Charles
Gardiner, Ethel. Dostie, Fred
Hawson, Laura. Hageman, W. K.
Henry, Helen. Hamilton, J. W.
Johnson, Minnie. Morrow, W. J.
Latta, Jennie. O'Hara, Stanley
Marty, Flora. Rutledge, Samuel
McMullen, Minnie. Thompson, John
McGill, Sannie. McMurray, W. A.
Presley, Emma. Clave, Charles
Stephenson, Annie.

Renewals for Third Class Certificates valid for three years in the County of Hastings only, were granted to:—

Brown, W. C. Leveck, Elizabeth
Green, Norman. Laing, Grace
Miller, Alex. Mackay, Catherine
Trotter, Stanley. Morris, Lillie
Jordison, G. A. Payne, Minnie
Adams, May. Potter, Delta
Brown, Lillian. Scott, Isabel
Dafou, Mabel. Stevenson, Ethel
Gossell, Ethel. Tate, Mary
Heenan, Maggie. Whytock, Lottie

A renewal, valid for two years only was granted to Chambers, J. E.

The following additional County Third Class Certificates were granted:—

For the year ending in the year of E. T. Kent (2 years).
Mary Bates (6 months.)
Minnie Sutherland, (6 months.)

District Certificates, valid for two years in the following Schools Sections, viz.—1, 2, 5, Bangor; 4, Wicklow; 9 Montegle; 1 Lake; 2 Mayo; 3 Herschel and Faraday, were granted to:—

McCaw, Jane. Payne, Maude
Rollins, Carrie.

The Board wish it understood that

hereafter no renewal of Certificate will be granted to any teacher who does not hold Junior Leaving qualifications.

The Board are of the opinion that

Teachers with Junior leaving qualifications should attend the Normal School on the expiration of their Third Class Certificates, and do not intend by granting renewals to discourage them from, or enable them to avoid, doing so.

County Council Nominations.

The nominations for County Councilors took place in the several divisions on Monday last.

In No. 1 Division, Sidney, Messrs. B. Mallory and J. A. Holgate were elected by acclamation.

In No. 2 Division, Thurlow, Messrs. Farley, McCargan, Ross, Denyes, Vermilyea, Levens and Dr. Faulkner were nominated. Messrs. Farley and Vermilyea retired, and the others are likely to stand a contest.

In No. 3 Division, Tyendinaga and Deseronto—Messrs. J. C. Hanley and A. McFarlane were elected by acclamation.

In No. 4 Division, Stirling, Rawdon and Marmora and Lake, Messrs. F. B. Parker and J. W. Pearce were re-elected by acclamation.

Foxboro Notes.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Mrs. F. G. Bird and two children of Brandon, Manitoba, are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Scott.

Mr. Ambrose Faulkner is confined to the bed with inflammatory rheumatism. Dr. Faulkner is in attendance.

What might have been a very serious fire was happily averted. About 6 o'clock yesterday morning Dr. Joso was driving by A. Hubble's harness shop, and saw a bright light. He drove up and stopped and soon saw that the door was on fire. He took his horse and rode into the shop with some snow and soon got it under control, and ran and wakened the proprietor, who with the Dr.'s help soon had the fire out. It is supposed to have started from cigar stumps or matches thrown in a box used for that purpose.

Gente Neckwear.

The Oak Hall, Belleville are now getting in the very latest novelties in neckwear. We picked the silks and had them made, in giving a Christmas gift it is very much better to have a neckwear made to order, \$3c. and up, goods are handsomely boxed free of charge. It makes the gift look twice as much when it is properly put up. Think of this when selecting neckwear.

FULL RANGE OF
XMAS NOVELTIES
IN CROCKERY.

"STIRLING CASH STORE."

CUT THIS OUT FOR
REFERENCE IN
YOUR XMAS BUYING

CHRISTMAS BARGAINS. DRY GOODS.

For the Xmas trade this Department is well assorted, and bristles with bar gains.

In Dress Goods our stock is complete, and comprises the newest goods.

Black Henrietta
at 35c., 50c., 75c., 80c., \$1.00.

SPECIAL.

Fine Black Henrietta, corded back, big value, 75c.
Fine Black plain Henrietta, the best value to be found, 50c.
Fine Black Henrietta, 46-inch, regular value 75c., 63c.

Tweed Dress Patterns.

From now until Xmas we offer some special bargains.

Regular \$2.50 Suits for \$2.00
" 85.50 Suits for \$1.00
" 55.75 Suits for \$4.25
" 50.50 Suits for \$1.75

Cloakings.

Sixty pieces to select from. Prices from 75c. to \$2.25.

Table Linens

25c., 35c., 40c., 50c., 90c.

Beautiful fine Pure Linen, nearly 2 yards wide, only 50c.

Wrapperettes.

This week we just opened new line of Heavy Wrapperettes in Plaids and pretty patterns.

Special value, heavy weight, 10c.
32-in. Heavy Flannelette, 5c.

NEW LACES, NEW GLOVES,
NEW HANKERCHIEFS,
NEW RIBBONS.

Ladies' Fine Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 5c.

Gentlemen's large size Lawn Handkerchiefs, 5c.

Gentlemen's Hemstitched Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c.

Feather Boas, starting at 25c.

Boys' and Youth's Suits, all sizes, will be sold at the same reduction.

We are bound to bring a large trade this way if Prices and Quality are any inducement.

SPECIAL. CLOTHING.

Mid-Winter Sale

OF CLOTHING.

The main feature in buying Groceries is to buy PURE and FRESH goods. This is the only kind of goods we supply you with, buying as we do every week.

We buy nothing but

ABSOLUTELY PURE SPICES.

Pure Cloves, Pure Ginger, Pure Allspice, Pure Mustard, Pure Cream Tar- tar and Pure Pepper.

Fresh Raisins.

large, selected fruit.

Seeded Raisins in 1-lb. packages.

Cleaned CURRANTS, no stems, in 1-lb. packages.

Choicest clean CURRANTS, by the lb.

SHelled ALMONDS, Shelled WALNUTS.

Fresh Peels.

Orange, Citron and Lemon.

Fresh Salmon.

Clover Leaf and O-Wee-kay-no brands.

Canned Goods.

Tomatoes, Peas, Corn, Apples, Plums, Chipped and Corn Beef.

Pure Java & Mocha COFFEE.

RICE, two qualities, one at 5c., and

a large clear kernel at 8c.

TAPIOCA, good quality.

Oatmeal.

Nothing but the BEST BRAND.

Our 25-CENT TEA is a leader. Money refunded if not satisfactory.

Bring us your Poultry and Produce.

We pay the highest prices.

CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES

At the Popular Shoe Store.

For the Ladies—Our first Thought Always.

Ladies' Felt Romes and Juliets
" Slippers and House Boots.
" Gaiters and German Slippers.
" Fine Overshoes and Rubbers.
" Cardigan Overshoes. Ladies' Skating Boots.
" Spats, Overtakers and Leggings.

For the Men.

Men's Fancy Plush Slippers
" Carpet Slippers.
" Opera (Chocolate) Slippers
" Fine Overshoes.
" Felt Gaiters.
" Spats (fawn and black).

For the Girls.

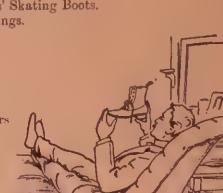
Girl's Neat Skating Boots.
Girl's Fancy German Slippers.
Girl's Cardigan Overshoes.
Girl's Lined Rubbers.
Girl's Moccasins.

For the Boys.

Boys' Moccasins.
" Skating Boots.
" Rubbers.
" Sox & Rubbers.

FOR CHILDREN.

Children's Felt Button Boots.
" Gritters and Slippers.
" Cardigan Overshoes.
" Rubbers.
" Moccasins (fancy).
" Santa Claus Slippers.



You will always find anything you want in Boots, Shoes or Rubbers at the Lowest Prices. Give us a call when doing your Xmas shopping.

MARTIN & REYNOLDS.

Diamond Cut Diamond

OR,
THE ROUT OF THE ENEMY.

CHAPTER VII.—Continued.

For a moment he was silent, then he spoke again.

"And—other things—have failed you?—I have failed it, his heart beat oddly and strangely.

"Yes, they have failed me," she replied, very slowly.

"You mean—she have loved—and died."

"I have been disillusioned," she broke in somewhat abruptly, and after a short moment of silence she added, with a certain harsh coldness, "I have died."

"But you have not done with friend-ship, at least?" he answered.

"You still believe in that, do you not?—and that a man might devote his entire life to your service, to your happiness, to further your smallest whim; but you ask nothing in return from you—for nothing, before God, is not due to your friend. Can you believe that?"

For a moment two she was silent.

Something indeed rose chokingly in her throat, but still uttered her words. Something that she was unwilling for him to know of. Men had often offered her love before, but never such love as this was—to her very heart she felt it fit. And, yet, perhaps, because she felt it so fit, she was unwilling to let him know it could speak safely, sounded even in her own ears to be shallow and mean- ingless.

"Well, boy, the age of chivalry is past, well over I imagine!"

"You laugh at me? You reject my friend-ship?"

"No. God knows I neither laugh at you, nor speak to you now and then, not often, but now and then. Surely, is not man's love to be said very humbly, almost whispering the words as he bent towards her."

"Listen to me, Geoffrey," he pressed

the hand that rested on his arm, as she used him to do.

"I have something that I must say to you. Do not interrupt me. God knows that, for my own sake, your friend-ship and your presence would be precious things to me, but there are other things."

"I am very young, I am young, to have you try to make in the world."

"Your career is before you. It will not help you to be much with me—it will hinder you. Believe me, I know far better than you do—I have lived my life, a life of storms and troubles. It will not be for you to mix yourself in my affairs. You are my friends, relations, duties, all that is opening before you, and with which I can never have anything to do. Believe me, it is wisest and best for us both that we should never willingly meet again."

"Why are you cruel?—I may be broken impotently. 'What has my life and my career to do with the friends I may make? Surely I have asked for little enough— for little enough only to be cruel to your friends.'

"You are to be cruel to me, but I am to be cruel to you."

"Geoffrey," she said once more, "do not let us blind ourselves. What you say to me is very beautiful, and you mean every word of it; but—do not be angry, it is not true. Perhaps I am unmerciful to you, but if I am unmerciful, I am at least, wise."

What you believe to be friendship would end in—in love—and at the bottom of your heart you know it is so. Now, will you do for your friend-ship what would bring your great deal more sorrow than I should care to be the cause of. I am six years older than you are. I am a Catholic, and you are the son of a Protestant clergyman. I am untried hand foot by claims which I am unable to stir up, and I am, or even to explain to you. And in any case it is an utter impossibility that I could ever respond to your affection, or bring you anything but misery in return for your love. Now do you understand me? Have I spoken plain-ly enough?"

Her voice had been calm and quiet enough up to the very last. But now, just at that last question, it wavered, like a flame trembled. She had spoken very plainly, but she was a blushing lass. Was ever woman so brave, and so fearless, as she had said, "so wise?"

But her words had not the effect which she intended them to have. If they had not been spoken with such poise, have deputed herself a little more—have remained wilfully blind a little longer. But now her honest words had brushed all the shams and the cobwebs away. She had told him that she had told him what was the truth. Her courage only intensified his de-light in the love which could no longer remain hidden.

"Well, then," he answered her after a pause, in a low voice of concentrated passion. "I suppose you are right. I should love you—I do love you; see what it means now; a man does not love friendship, but, perhaps, he loves a woman as well. Perhaps it is as well to know it and to own it, once for all; but after to-night, since you tell me my love is so utterly hopeless, I will never speak of it again, or let you know it with me. I shall serve you and deserve your self to you just the same. You will know that it is love, but you shall never hear me speak of it again. I swear it to you. You cannot prevent my going on loving you."

"But this is sheer madness!" she cried.

"Would you spoil your whole life for the sake of a woman who can never be anything to you?"

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Confirmation in St. John's Church.

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One of the largest pulp mills in the world is probability of the next few months to be built in the Oshawa district. Mr. Hiram Maxim of London, England, the inventor of the celebrated Maxim gun, and Mr. Charles L. James, lumberman, of Boston, went to Gilmour & Houston's mill at Chelsea to examine the new weapon, with a view to establishing a machine shop. Mr. Hiram Maxim said that he could not give much information, but would say that he was here to examine a water power and pulp lands with a view to building a mill. We have lots of money to back our talk, remarked Mr. James, who was present. "We have unbounded faith in the natural resources of this country." While no definite announcement could be made until arrangements are more complete, Mr. Maxim intimated that the concern will be on a big scale.

Electron of Officers.

At a meeting of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 50, held at West Huntingdon on Dec. 5th, 1898, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

W.M.—Bro. Wilbert Kingston.
D.M.—Bro. Wm. Adams.
Chap.—Bro. Robt. Ro.
Hon.—Bro. James G.
Treas.—Bro. Henry Jeffrey.
Secy.—Bro. John W. Kingston.
D.L.—Bro. Luther Barber.
Lecturers—Bro. Wilmott Kingston and Fred. Kingston.
Fr. Com.—Bro. Wm. Wilson.
I.T.—Bro. R. Kerr.
O.T.—Bro. J. Stout.

Murray Hill Disaster Lawsuit.

Mr. W. H. Brady has entered an action against G. T. J. Operator John Murphy, who was on duty at Murray Hill on November 15, when her husband, W. H. Brady, was killed. She enters a charge of manslaughter and a constable from East Northumberland served summons for witnesses at the preliminary trial at Cobourg on Tuesday. E. Gus Porter, of Porter & Farnham, is acting for Mrs. Brady. Mrs. John Murphy has entered action for the death of her husband against the G. T. R. He was a passenger of the train wrecked at Murray Hill on November 15, and was on route to Bowmanville to take charge of the engine of a freight train, which had met with an accident; she claims \$10,000 damages. Mr. Porter is also her solicitor.

Correspondence.

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Notable Publications.

Whoever desires to read the most widely circulated work on Christian Evidences ever issued should send ten cents to H. L. Hastings, 47 Cornhill, Boston, Mass., for a copy of his famous essay "The Inspiration of the Bible." It has been translated into nearly twenty languages, and nearly three million copies have been circulated. It is an excellent and highly commendable work.

"Norman McDonald," by L. H. Brown, a \$1.20 book, published by the Standard Publishing Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, is one of the best new interesting books published by that great firm, and is well worth buying a good deal for they issue hundreds of excellent publications. "Norman McDonald" is a story for the times, and everyone should read it.

Every lady who has not seen the superb "Christian Number" of The Delinacorator Publishing Co., Toronto, is a wonderful issue of a great periodical, and every woman should read it.

Something Worth Having.

The December issue of THE CANADIAN HOME JOURNAL, which is the Christmas number, has been enlarged to 30 pages, and contains many excellent, interesting and profitable literary contributions from the pens of well-known Canadian writers, while the illustrations are many and good.

It also contains a complete copy of the "Young Folks' Christmas," in The Shape

of the Pinwheel. This is also worth ten cents, the price of the paper. Each issue of THE CANADIAN HOME JOURNAL contains a popular song with music, and our readers, therefore, who want to keep up a stock of popular songs should subscribe for the JOURNAL at \$1.00 per annum. Among the illustrations is an illustrated Christmas drama for children, by Mary Agnes Fitzgibbon, suitable for children's parties and entertainments. Send ten cents for sample copy or your subscription to Stewart Publishing Company, Toronto.

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One of the largest pulp mills in the world is probability of the next few months to be built in the Oshawa district. Mr. Hiram Maxim of London, England, the inventor of the celebrated Maxim gun, and Mr. Charles L. James, lumberman, of Boston, went to Gilmour & Houston's mill at Chelsea to examine the new weapon, with a view to establishing a machine shop. Mr. Hiram Maxim said that he could not give much information, but would say that he was here to examine a water power and pulp lands with a view to building a mill. We have lots of money to back our talk, remarked Mr. James, who was present. "We have unbounded faith in the natural resources of this country." While no definite announcement could be made until arrangements are more complete, Mr. Maxim intimated that the concern will be on a big scale.

Electron of Officers.

At a meeting of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 50, held at West Huntingdon on Dec. 5th, 1898, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

W.M.—Bro. Wilbert Kingston.
D.M.—Bro. Wm. Adams.
Chap.—Bro. Robt. Ro.
Hon.—Bro. James G.
Treas.—Bro. Henry Jeffrey.
Secy.—Bro. John W. Kingston.
D.L.—Bro. Luther Barber.
Lecturers—Bro. Wilmott Kingston and Fred. Kingston.
Fr. Com.—Bro. Wm. Wilson.
I.T.—Bro. R. Kerr.
O.T.—Bro. J. Stout.

Christmastime Presents In.

Bored neckwear, boxed handkerchiefs, neck scarfs, silk handkerchiefs, gloves and mitts, for cups, mugs and overcoats, etc. The proper presents are those things which are useful. When you buy something for a friend, think of what friend needs most.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RAWDON,

From December 15th, 1897, to January 1st, 1898; and from January 1st to December 15th, 1898; also, Statement of Assets & Liabilities.

RECEIPTS

FROM DECEMBER 15TH, 1897, TO JANUARY 1ST, 1898.

Taxes from Roll of 1897. \$16700.00

EXPENDITURE

FROM DECEMBER 15TH, 1897, TO JANUARY 1ST, 1898.

Schools. \$189,652.20

County rates. \$550.00

For Financial Statements. \$100.00

Legislative grant to Schools. \$120.00

RECEIPTS

FROM JAN. 1ST TO DEC. 15TH, 1898.

Balance in Treas. hands. \$82.11

Taxes from Roll of 1898. \$105.00

Interest on same. \$22.14

Licenses. \$42.48

Taxes from Roll of 1898. \$3814.81

County grants on roads. \$10.00

For executors of late Simon Stiles estate. \$12.00

Legislative grant to Schools. \$120.00

EXPENDITURE

FROM JAN. 1ST TO DEC. 15TH, 1898.

Section No. 5. \$157.00

Stinson & Co. debenture School Section No. 7. \$129.50

Thos. Wills, ordinary rates. \$33,632.50

Interest on same. \$15.05

Thos. Wills, county spec. rates. \$73.00

Interest on same. \$0.00

Thos. Wills, on ordinary rates of 1897. \$160.00

Wm. Meiklejohn, note. \$100.00

Interest on same. \$4.00

Paid Schools legislative grant. \$42.00

Interest on same. \$0.00

BUSINESS CARDS.

T. E. OLIVER, D. D. S.

DEINTIST,

HONOR GRADUATE OF TORONTO UNIVERSITY, and M. R. C. D. S. of Ontario. Office—Over Parker's Drug Store. Will visit Marmora every Thursday.

FRANK ZWICK, M. B.

GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MEDICAL COLLEGE. LECTURER ON THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, ONTARIO OFFICE AND RESIDENCE—10, Boulter's former residence, Stirling.

G. G. THACKER,

SOLICITOR, NOTARY PUBLIC, CONVEYANCER, BORN AND RAISED OVER BROWN & McCutcheon's Store, Stirling, Ontario.

J. EARL HALLIWELL, B.A.

BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, COMMISSIONER OF ESTATE, etc. Office over Boulter's store, Stirling.

W. J. McCAMON,

BARRISTER, ETC., BELLEVILLE, ONT. BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, NOTARY PUBLIC, CONVEYANCER, etc., McMahan Block, Cor. Front and Bridge Streets.

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OTTAWA, East side Front St.

JOHN S. BLACK.

CONVEYANCER, COMMISSIONER FOR CONveyancing, Amadavite, Once, and Store lately occupied by G. L. Scott, Stirling.

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CHARLES BUTLER AND HARRY HARPER, LTD., Bailiffs and Auctioneers, for the sale of real property. Satisfaction guaranteed. All orders promptly attended to. C. Ballader, issuer of Marriage Licences, as usual, Belleville, Ontario.

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Billheads, Circulars,

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WM. RODGERS.

REDUCED PRICES

IN BOOTS & SHOES.

Men's light to Imperial Kip

Regular \$3.70, selling for \$2.75.

Men's Stogas, whole stock,

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An Equal Reduction in all Lines in Stock.

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NOTICE.

I have on hand a large amount of Ready Made Clothing, Dress Goods, also Boots and Shoes, and some other lines of goods.

That will sell at half price in order to get rid of new supply. Just come and bring your cash, and will show you how to sell cheap.

D. NEURIE,

Spring Brook.

Company Shooting Match.

A Regimental Association Shooting Match for No. 2 Company, 49th Batt., Hastings, will be held at Capt. J. C. Wilson's range on Wednesday, Dec. 23d, commencing at 12.30 p.m. By order

J. C. WILSON, Capt.

PERSONALS.

THE News-Argus invites the contribution to this column of all items of a personal nature, such as the birth of a child, the death of a parent, the marriage of a son or daughter, etc. Please notify the editor, or leave a note at this office or drop a card into the post office, giving full particulars.

Mrs. Collins and daughter, of Massena, N.Y., are visiting friends and friends here.

Mrs. Frank Parr, and children, are visiting parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jon. Bull.

Mr. Geo. Ferguson is home to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Milne, Steeffer, and Thompson spent Sunday last with Miss Agnes Gay from West Huntington.

Mrs. M. E. Thompson left yesterday morning to spend the Christmas holidays at Attawap, Ont.

Mr. R. C. Clute, Q.C., of Toronto, visited his brother, Mr. T. G. Clute, on Tuesday.

Mrs. (Dr.) Yunker of Belleville, has been visiting with friends in town.

Mr. William Collins and family have again taken up their residence in Stirling.

Miss Archer, of Campbellford, who has been visiting his parents at West Hill, has during the past month been here, and will be with them until Jan. 3rd, when he will enter the College of Pharmacy at Toronto to complete his course.

Mr. Ernest Reid, of Rochester, N.Y., has been visiting his parents at West Hill, and will be with them until Jan. 3rd, when he will enter the College of Pharmacy at Toronto to complete his course.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Dolson and child, of Kingston, Mr. R. Dolson, of Pleton, and Miss Rowena Dolson, who have been attending Toronto's Conservatory of Music, are staying with Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Thrasher. Miss Dolson will sing at the Song Service in the Methodist Church on Christmas Day.

Mr. S. G. Faulkner of Vancouver, B.C., is expected to arrive here to-night, to spend a month with relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Faulkner, and her daughter Little, who have been spending the winter here, went to Belleville this morning to meet her husband.

A meeting in the interest of W. J. Allen, the Conservative candidate for North Hastings, will be held at the Town Hall, Rawdon, on Monday evening next, the 26th inst. Addresses will be delivered by the candidate, and Andrew Broder, Esq., M. P., H. Corby, M. P., W. B. Northrop, A. W. Carswell, and others.

First Choice of Christmas Goods.

In nearly everything you would select for Christmas gifts the first choice is certainly the best. Why put off until the last minute when you are saving money?

The Oak Hammock, a well-made, having a very choice selection of boxed neckwear, handkerchiefs, smoking jackets, gloves, and mitts for boys, and girls' grey lamb caps. We advise early selections.

The authorities of Toronto are investigating the death of a 16-year-old lad at Newmarket, Ont., who is said to have died from the effects of a thrashing at his father's hands.

W. C. McDonald, the millionaire to be, a manufacturer of Montreal, who has given large sums to McGill College has been knighted.

The big dry goods establishment of S. Greenfields & Co., Montreal, was burned early Wednesday morning. The loss is over \$1,000,000.

Ottawa will vote on the question of Sunday cars at the municipal election on January 2. The Ministerial Association has passed a resolution opposing the cars.

There seems to be a good chance of an influx of Armenian settlers to Canada in early 1901. Rev. Father Jiron, an Armenian, is on his way to Manitoba, with a view to determine whether the country is suitable for the establishment of a settlement of his fellow-countrymen.

Mr. Stead reports the Czar as saying that he looks out over the world, and studying its civilization, does not find it good. That is a fault with many good-meaning people; they look out too much at the world, and not at their own country. The Czar, however, is a wise old man, and he has a good deal to say about the world.

"As usual, England and France were mixed up in the scrum. I was serving aboard the Thunderer at that time, and we were now going to the rear with the gunners orders going for us to the south with all speed. We knew there was something brewing by the eager way the officers talked to one another, and we concluded it must be serious by the extra cutlass and gun drill we had to undergo."

"We reached Alexandria in time to take part in the bombardment, but of course you know all about that. Poor devil! It was such fun for us. They had some very good guns, but they were badly served, and after the first half hour they were nearly all silent, only just spitting occasionally."

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FOR THE BOYS.

KETCHIN' SANTA CLAUS
To my grandpa on Christmas night,
"bout how it would be,
"bout ketchin' of Santa Claus to-night;
An' tryin' him fo' with a big, stout
string.
An' takin' his pack an' everything.
We'll see if I can't think we might.
Want it some way,
What do you say,
To ketchin' of Santa Claus to-night?"

My pa said 'at we oughtn't to.
Said he, may be,
He might catch me,
An' I'd be all right.
An' take us where nobody could tell;
Ed' drop us way down in our old world;
Ed' never come back to be his little boy.
An' I'd be sorry
For grandpa an' me,
Ed' would get him another new, nice little boy.

An' grandpa said, was no danger of that.

Wuz big an' tall—
No danger at all.

An' blazed his cane—said he'd hit him with it.

He ed' tried for to carry us off,

An' said he 'that' at that would be enough.

Ed' fix of Santa Claus clean through.

An' I'd be sorry.

My grandpa an' me,
Made it up what we'd each have to do.

Ed' we set by the fire an' talked.

Joe wuz two did.

After pa'd gone to bed,

Told me all about how ol' Santa Claus looked,

With the sack an' the strap to hold

the long, white hair all over his face,

An' a big, furry coat an' mittens, too,

An' cap an' coat

Tell lots of he would—

Ed' he had been good—of he want-ed to.

We was settin' an' talkin' jes grand,

An' had somethin' Jes' like sleigh-bells ring.

Wuz in come Santa Claus, sure as could be.

Stomped the snow all off'n his clothes.

Slapped his hands hard an' rubbed his nose,

And he never once noticed my grand-pa an' me.

An' wuz right there

When I hung on a chair

An' he filled up my stockin' es full as could be.

An' then, sir, jes' as he wuz a startin'

My grandpa, he.

Tuck me off'n his knee,

Jumped an' ketched him an' would- ait let go.

Ed' old Santa Claus pulled an' my

Wuz in come Santa Claus, too.

Tell he said at he's stay of we want-ed him to go.

An' he said 'at we wouldn't need strings, because—

He didn't like strings.

An' sir, wuz pa' at wuz Santa Claus!

HE WANTED TO KNOW.

An Inquisitive Youngster's Efforts to Obtain Information.

"Papa!"

It was 2 o'clock in the morning, and Higgins was as sleepy as the average man is at that hour, but the little lad of 4 in his little bed near by was just as wide awake as some children are apt to be at any hour of the night.

"What is it?" asks papa.

"When is Christmas?"

"Oh, before long."

"When is 'before long'?"

"Well it's soon. You go to sleep."

"I don't want to. I'm all waked up."

"How soon is Christmas?"

"Next week?"

"Monday?"

"No—you go to sleep."

"The day after Monday!"

"No—not until Saturday. Now, you shut up your peepers right away. I want to go to sleep."

"I don't. Say, papa!"

"What do you want?"

"What are you going to buy me?"

"I can't tell yet."

"I wouldn't want you to if you could, papa."

"Why not?"

"I'd rather be s'prised."

"Well, supposing you s'prise me by going to sleep."

"That wouldn't be any s'prise, 'cause you'd know I was going to do it. Say, papa, papa!"

"What now?"

"Sunny Smithers says there ain't no such thing as a Santa Claus. That is, isn't there?"

"Oh, I suppose so."

"Sunny he said you and my mamma was all the Santa Claus there'd be in this house. He was a big old liar, wasn't he?"

"There! There! Don't you ever call any one a liar."

"Not even when they are one?"

"Not at all."

"You can if there littler on you, re- you?"

"No; you must never call any one a liar."

"Well, he is one all the same, isn't he?"

"You go to sleep."

"You're not Sandy Claus, are you, papa?" If Sunny Smithers says so again I'll—well, I guess I'll break his jaw."

"Don't you ever let me hear you say such a thing again. Now, you go to sleep; maybe you'll not find anything at all in your stocking, Christ-mas morning."

"What you s'pose I'll find there if?"

"I don't know."

"Then you're not Sandy Claus and

Sunny Smithers is a big, old, Har- Good, good, good! I s'pect me an' Sunny's fightin' about it and—"

"No, you'll not. But you'll go to sleep right now, because—"

"Do you s'pose I'll get a bike in my stocking?"

"Why?"

"Because you're not big enough to have one."

"But I'm gettin' bigger an' bigger, the time, an' my legs are get-ting longer an' longer an'—"

"Now, that will do. You shut right up."

"Sunny, he thinks he'll get a tricycle, but I'll tell him he don't. I would- n't want one. They're only fit for girls!" Glad I ain't a girl, because I'll have to get a railroad train, with a bonnet smoko an' steam coming out of it!"

"No, I do not, but—"

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On the Farm.

PASSING OF THE SLOP BARREL.

No doubt there are many farmers who would be glad to have the barrel not only passing but gone, with it the unpleasant smell that often belongs to it, also the swarms of flies that are always about it in the summer season. We have had the usual slop barrel experience that belongs to the farmer who grows hogs and tries to make the best out of them, writes John McJunkin. We have worked with slop in buckets and in barrels, both stationary and on wheels and in tubs put down in sawdust to protect them against winter freezing. We remember paying \$10 for a barrel, that we used for a time, and that is now stored in a shed. Now if we see warrens sold at that price that are fairly good. We have gradually come to the conclusion that there is a great deal of muscle and time wasted on the pig in the way of slop preparation. We have seen slop barrels of all sorts—except clean ones—have seen them buried full length in the ground and part of their length as suited the fancy of the owner. We have seen them not far from the kitchen door or near the pig pen, as seemed most convenient to the owner. The meanest ones we ever saw as regards contents were buried from the back yard of a noted hotel to the neighboring fair ground that their contents might be fed to hogs on exhibition. Worms were making a strong effort to consume their contents. Had we known how or thought it possible, from that day we would have eliminated the slop barrel from our pig growing ever afterward; as it was we made a greater effort in the direction of cleanliness. Farmers do not have or keep a shop barrel, or two or three of them, about their premises because they regard them as an ornament, but because they think them a necessity, if they would have their hogs thrive. This is the way we used to think about it but for two years or more past we have thought differently. Our studies as to the needs of the pig to make him thrive best, and our aversion to the work that comes in when manipulating the slop barrel and buckets, caused us to discard the barrels, and we have had no occasion to return to them. For two or three winters we placed a tub or barrel in sawdust to keep from feeding the hogs frozen slop. Notwithstanding reasonable care in the matter we think the pigs seldom had their slop at the same temperature three feeds in succession. Sometimes it would be too warm and again too cool but never frozen. It must be remembered that the pig must eat without asking questions or discard his ration altogether. His taste is not to his liking as the owner can see. The most practical argument in favor of slop is that the pig relishes dampened food more than dry. It is very doubtful whether the soaking in water renders the corn better. In fact, if the corn belt we do not believe any farmer can afford to grind corn to make slop. Granting this we are brought to the mill products for slop making. Now if we are to use them without passing them through the barrel we save one handling, and if we do we save one in cold weather for this purpose we also save the work and fuel. By this we save the annoyance of heating water in the kitchen above the relief of the house. We accomplish this winter and summer by pumping water directly from the well to moisten the ground food with. Often the pig does the mixing. We know of no other way that the slop will be so nearly given the pigs their moistened food at the same temperature the year around. Put the dry food in the troughs and pour over it about the same amount of water pumped from the well and this done the slop barrel is out of commission. We find they eat this moistened food as readily as the thin slop that most always is dipped from the barrel. We are sure that it goes to the spot quickly. We spend much time on this matter and feel perfectly safe in commencing our plan. They relish the food moistened with water direct from the well because it is cool in summer and in winter it is warmer than the temperature of the atmosphere.

PRUNING FRUIT TREES.

begin early in the life of the tree to help it. A young tree should consist of a central leader with the main branches distributed evenly about it, in a well-balanced head. On no account should a tree be set with a crooked fork in the trunk. The point at the upper part of the shoulder which will be at the base of each limb where it joins the main trunk. If we cut closely, the size of the wound is increased without any appreciable extent decreasing the size of the stub. If the cutting is further from the tree, the scar is still the same size and a long stub is left over which it will take the tree years to grow.

It is possible to avoid removing large limbs and the best way to do this is to begin when the tree is young and prune it systematically and carefully. If it is necessary to remove a large limb, use a saw, cutting in a short distance from the base, first, then saw down from above, and the limb can be removed without fear of splitting off below. Large wounds should be covered over with a kraft, then covered with gum solution dissolved in alcohol. In a general way, summer pruning promotes fruitfulness, while if wood

growth is desired, prune in winter. The explanation of this is that great growth and great fruitfulness do not go together. A plant which is cut to a certain degree of maturity before it can produce fruit and an abundance of plant food at the time the buds are forming is desirable for the best results. If a branch is cut off, the growing part of the branch is removed, the growth is checked and as the part removed lessens the demand for plant food, it lessens the demand for fruit production of fruit buds. If the tree is allowed to go into winter quarters undisturbed at the end of the season, the roots and the air in the root system remain in a dormant condition. Now if during the dormant period a considerable part of the top is cut off, a strong pressure of soil is brought to bear on the remaining buds and a greater amount of plant food is furnished for growth of new buds. The result is that a large growth of wood results, and when it comes the following season, the result comes of fruit buds, plant food is not abundant and few blossoms are produced.

AN EFFECTIVE FIRE KINDLER.
Kindling with kerosene, though almost universal when it comes to starting the kitchen fire on a winter's morning, is a dangerous operation as generally done. Not a farmer or his son, of course, the wife or daughter never has this cold and disagreeable task to perform, can be blamed for wishing to abridge this uncomfortable duty. He will try the following plan he will find it a success. He neither spills oil on stove and floor, carries oil in the dishes to season the breakfast later on, and last but not least, does not blow up the stove or set the house on fire.

MODERATE APPLICATION OF MANURES.

A very common mistake in applying farmyard manure is to give a small part of the farm a very heavy coating and leave the remainder without any. There are several good reasons why such a practice should not be followed. If the manure has been properly cared for there is no need of such heavy applications to supply sufficient plant food for the crops, and when heavy manuring is practiced a large part of the farm is neglected while a small part receives much more than it requires. The practice is similar to starting the greater number of a herd of cattle and giving the few remaining animals far more than they can eat. Very heavy manuring is wasteful—On farm experiment station. It is frequently asked if there is any use in the manure if the crop does not require the plant food applied. The next crop will be all the better off. It is true that the heavier the application the greater the residue left over for the next crop, but it does not follow that there is no waste of plant food under such a practice. There is danger that some of the excessive plant food may be leached out of the soil and lost in the drainage water when the land is not under crop. In the soil, soil there is always a considerable loss of plant food in the soil in the drainage water, and it is not difficult to understand that the greater the excess of soluble plant food in the soil the greater the loss in the soil. The greater the loss is sure to occur, but an effort should be made to make the loss as small as possible; and moderation in applying manure is one step in this direction.

EX-REEVE Cragg

A Prominent Dresser Citizen Tells an Interesting Story.

How Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured him of Rheumatism and Cost, After the Best Doctors and Many Medicines Made Failed.

Dresden, Dec. 12.—This town boasts of a native of whom its people may well be proud, as he has, to a great extent, distinguished himself, and it is to be pitied that they possess that desirable attribute, common sense, in no small degree. That peculiarity is the remarkable decrease in the number of cases of Rheumatism during the last few years.

Eight years ago, Dresden was afflicted by that curse of modern civilization, to wit, rheumatism, to a great extent, as any other place in the Dominion. To-day such a complaint is practically unknown here.

A clue to the means by which this despicable condition has been brought to an end is to be found in the following statement given for publication by W. G. Cragg, Esq., ex-reeve of the town, and one of our most prominent citizens.

"Eight years I was a martyr to Rheumatism, of the inflammatory type, and during that period, my suffering was great, to an extent, as any other place in the Dominion. To-day such a complaint is practically unknown here."

"Hearing that Dodd's Kidney Pills had cured a Dresden lady of Rheumatism, I decided to try the medicine. The doctor failed to benefit me, and no good was done by the many patent medicines I used."

"At times I could not get about at all, and at the best, it was a severe task for me to make my way about my home."

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Rheumatism

You May Be Relieved of the Pains and Aches of This Disease.

The way is plain; it is no experiment; thousands have been cured and say they now have no symptoms of the disease. Hoad's Sarsaparilla is a medicine that (to us) it is the only thing you should take if you wish to be cured. Hoad's Sarsaparilla cures rheumatism when other medicines fail because it not only relieves the pain but thus removes the cause of the disease. Give it fair and faithful trial and you will indeed be a complete and permanent cure. Remember

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Is Canada's Greatest Medicine. Sold by all dealers in medicine. Price \$1.

Hood's Pills are sure, mild, effective.
All dealers—25c.

ESCAPING FROM SIBERIA.

Hapless Convicts Are Surely Helped by Kind Villagers.

Those subjects of the tsar who are sent to Siberian prisons for a real or fancied offence against the social laws of the political decree of the power that is, know that they will be harshly treated; but in no part of the dreary country is imprisonment so cruel as in the Kara prison, where the convicts work in the mines.

Attempts to escape are a common occurrence all over the country, but the number of convicts who make a dash for liberty from the Kara mines is far greater than from any other prison.

The miserable creatures who endeavor to elude the iron grasp of the tsar's officials prefer the spring for their attempt. There is more chance of success in the winter, with the crossing of the miles of desolate territory that separate them from a place of safety, in the early months of the year; but they cannot always choose their time, and in the very depths of the Siberian winter, when the most hardened men made the struggle for freedom, preferring the rigors of night tramping in the coldest season to the miseries of the prison.

How do these men find their way?

They know the direction in which safety lies, and they tramp onward until they reach some spot where they are safe. That spot may be far away from the town at which they intended to arrive, but what of that? They are free, that is the all-important matter.

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Interesting Items About Our Own Country—Great Britain, the United States, an All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

Orion Sound has purchased electric fire alarms.

Kingsland is flooded with Straits Folio.

Baron Maxmilian, the great gunmaker, is talking of building a great gun mill at Ottawa.

A handsome new theater, known as the Savoy, has been opened at Vancouver, B. C.

The American Shoe Company, of Montreal, has paid £1,000,000 in bonds of \$355,000 to locate there.

The union carpenters of Winnipeg have decided to demand thirty cents an hour and a nine-hour day after May 1st next.

Scarlet fever has broken out at Medicine Hat N.W.T., and the schools have been closed to prevent it spreading.

The Department of Customs have as present 11 vessels under seizure on the Atlantic coast and in the Gulf for smuggling.

The general rule on wheat from Fort William to St. John, N.B., is now reduced by the Canadian Pacific from 28 to 25 cents per hundred pounds.

Ellie Curry, or Gosselin, formerly of Quebec, poisoned himself at Vancouver, B. C. A lover's quarrel is said to be the cause of the suicide.

The London Street Railway Company has three to four the city for \$30,000 damages for breach of duty during the recent trouble with the street railway employees.

During eleven months in 1898, 4,622 homesteads were entered in Manitoba and the Territories, as compared with 2,932 in 1897. The Winnipeg real estate men report largely increased sales of land to settlers.

Mr. Charles M. Hays, General Manager of the Grand Trunk, has been presented with a beautifully illuminated address by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, which contained a record of courtesies received at his hands.

The Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway Company is asking the City of Hamilton for a 50 per cent. decrease in its taxes and water rates, in consideration of its constructing a line to serve the factories and other industries in the northeast section of the city.

The London, Hamilton, Chedoke & Anerley Railway will apply for an amended charter to build a line to Brantford, to change the name to the Hamilton, Anerley & Brantford Electric Railway Company, and to increase the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

There seems to be a good chance of settling the Canadian settlers in Canada at an early date. Rev. Father Jiron, an Armenian priest, is on his way to Manitoba, with a view of discovering whether the country is suitable for the establishment of a settlement of his fellow-countrymen.

GERALD BRUTAIN.

The Shamrock, the Irish challenger for the American Cup, will be built by the newspaper magnate, Popkin.

It is said that a combination is being formed in the English bleaching trade. The trust has been started in North Lancashire.

The London Daily Mail credits the report that Australia will join with Canada in drafting the cost of a Pacific railway.

At Liverpool the Marquess of Anglesey has been fined £20 for bringing a French bulldog from the United States to England without the necessary order from the Board of Agriculture.

Mr. William Watson, the poet, who received a small Government pension confirmed by Lord Salisbury, has received through the death of his wife a legacy considerable enough to assure him ample competence.

Mr. Chamberlain has sent a despatch to Sir Herbert Murray, Governor of Newfoundland, declining to disallow the Rail railway contract, declaring that he could interfere with the legislative acts of a self-governing colony.

Dr. Stanley Kent of London has discovered a vaccine germ. This discovery is of the greatest importance, as it is a pure culture removes the impure lymph, which has been the cause of the widespread infection in the navy.

Lord Curzon, before leaving London, completed a book on "The Indian Frontier," and arranged for its publication with the House. The Queen pointed out the importance of the book to India by the Viceroy appearing during the Viceroy's term of office. Therefore the book has been withdrawn.

UNITED STATES.

A "Municipal Ownership League" has been formed at Chicago.

A recent article in the *Wash.*, says six persons have been killed by a slide in the Chilkoot Pass.

Four girl students at Kimball Female Seminary, Meriden, Conn., have been expelled for smoking cigarettes.

The New York Board of Health has declared grippe to be a contagious disease, and patients must be isolated.

Miss Hollister, aged 16, of New York, not having the means to make enough money to suit her father, drank carbolic acid and died.

The *Caribou* has received an order for 40,000 tons of steel rails for the C.P.R. at 15 dollars per ton, under the English tender.

Miss Hollister, a cook, is under arrest in Chicago on a charge of having murdered her wife in order to get rid of her property.

Hon. R. A. Hitchcock, United States Attorney, has succeeded Mr. Allen as Secretary of the Interior. The latter retires in February.

It is said at San Francisco that the North German Lloyd Steamship Co. have arranged to run a Pacific line from San Francisco to Seattle.

Dr. J. G. Campbell of Elmer, N.J.,

lived too fast for his income, and when the officers of the law got after him for forgery he shot himself.

The New York Locomotive Works, have received an order from the Midland Railroad of England for ten 450 ton freight locomotives.

Joseph W. Pearson, whilst whistling missiles through the door and windows of the British Embassy at Washington, has been sent to an army base.

The House at Washington is engaged in a bill to establish a cable with a capacity of fifteen words a minute, between the United States and the Philippines, Japan and China.

Two girls have died and the remainder of a family of eight, at Hillside, Ohio, are suffering and are expected to die from trichinosis, contracted by eating pork.

John S. McInnes, the Minneapolis tiger giant, is dead. He was 17 years of age, was 7 feet 2 inches in height, wore No. 24 shoes and No. 6 hat, and weighed 398 lbs.

In a suit against the Standard Oil Company, of New York, it is claimed the company burned their books to evade an order of the United States Supreme Court for their production.

William Sims, a soldier, for murdering Robert Horriss, at Town Creek, was dragged from the jail by the sheriff and the murderer's brother, hung to a tree and riddled with bullets.

The United States House Committee on naval affairs has decided to favorably report a bill providing for the increase of the enlisted men of the navy to 20,000 men, 2,500 boys and apprentices.

Colonel J. G. Ranville, of Dallas, Tex., a notorious Texan, was shot dead in a saloon by H. P. Evans, a Forney, Tex., saloon keeper, who found Evans giving himself up to the police. Evans put five shots into his victim before the body reached the ground.

The acquiring of the shipyard at Newport News, Virginia, by Vickery & Company, of New York, is being finalized by the contract with the United States Government for torpedoes, which would have been given to the Schwartzkopfs but for the anti-German feeling in the United States.

Thirty-two prominent cattlemen of South Dakota, who were indicted by a grand jury in Fall River County, South Dakota, for their daughter, were tried at Hot Springs. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty after deliberating 15 minutes. The case was that of the murderer of John Beckman, a well known sheep man, at Rapid City, last September. The other day he was moving his sheep into South Dakota.

At Chillicothe, Ohio, two more boys, Elmer and George Butler, aged respectively 20 and 13, were found guilty of manslaughter and will serve a term in the penitentiary for the murder of Daisy Bronger, a young girl.

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HE MURDERS A COMPANION.

Beasts and Birds

Diamond Cut Diamond OR, THE ROUT OF THE ENEMY.

CHAPTER VIII.—(Continued.)
He met her eyes gravely; almost re-proachedly; then, after a moment's silence, dropped his own and said quietly: "I don't think so."

"I don't think so," was glad to say. "What woman, with a woman's nature, would not have been glad? But for all that, she knew, at the very moment, that she said—what she said—was as she said—some day he would marry one of those girls."

"When Matthew Dane makes up his mind to a thing, it generally takes mind to a thing, and unconsciously speaking he thinks it aloud."

"Why, what do you know about Matthew Dane?" he inquired in surprise.

"'Nothing—except, of course, what you have told me about him,'" Her face was partly shaded by her hand.

After a pause, she added, "He must be a determined man. For when he sent you down to Halifax I only put two and two together; you know, it is a woman's faculty."

He laughed with uneasiness; the idea of meeting him somewhat. And now he came to remember it, his uncle had told him only the day before that his partner's daughters were away, soon to stay with him in London, and that he had expected him to escort them about. What if Rose were right? Not that it could matter, of course; only it might make disagreeable complications for him.

"I have not seen them again," he said presently aloud.

"No, but you will; I imagine—the uncle will take care of that."

He marvelled at her shrewdness, but the subject was too serious to be pursued, and he changed it quickly.

That conversation had taken place a week ago, and Rose thought of it now as she waited for him under the beech tree. She was a woman who rarely deceived herself, or she did not do it out of such a wilful desire to be deceived as that it resembled the deliberate walking into a river of a man who knows that he is unable to swim, and that he will probably drown.

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"I am, of course, I am at your orders, my love. Come in and shut the door. Now what is the matter?" Has Joe Parker heard his wife again? Is it Tommy Statt? or some other son? or is it old Jenkins, the drinker, or has that disreputable girl of his got into fresh trouble?" and Mr. Dane looked pleasantly at his daughter, smiling at her blithely over the top of his sermon, as if she were a child at those vernomaries for he knew pretty well that the chances were that it was one or other of the delinquents he had named who oft-repeated crimes had once again made some scandalous noise in the town. Certainly there is no man more depraved than his neighbour, but in every village there must always be a certain number of black sheep, who defy order and morality, and live apparently only to be throne in the sides of the church.

Mr. Dane bore with these chronic vernomaries with a Christian and even a philosophical fortitude, but Florence frequently made herself desperately uncomfortable. It was, therefore, with some surprise that he learned as she answered with a deep sigh:

"Indeed, papa, I only wish that it was anything so trivial that I have to tell you about. It's far worse, unfortunately. It's Geoffrey."

Mr. Dane pulled his spectacles hurriedly off and laid them on the table by his side. He was grave enough now.

"Go on, Florence."

"There have been some very unpleasant rumours about him for some time back, which I have heard something of, but have always disbelieved."

"What rumours?" The vicar's voice was short and hard.

"That he has been down here very often."

"What, to Coddleham?"

"To the neighbourhood. Some of the people have persisted in it that he has been there. Mrs. Greenway told me long ago that she was walking late one evening in the Littleminster Road; old Walker, the shepherd, she said, has seen him up on the Dorey on many other occasions and others have mentioned the same thing. All along I have pooh-poohed the idea, for you know how long it is since he has been home, and it seemed perfectly natural to me to imagine that he could be here, and to say nothing about it."

"But now, I am sorry to say, it is quite beyond a doubt for Anne and Grace have seen him quite plainly—"

"Where were?"

"That afternoon, as they were coming back from the village with Miss Jones, and I am sorry to tell you that he was in that dreadful woman's carriage, going down to Wray Road Station. They saw his face quite plainly, and when they passed him back as if he did not want to be seen and put up his hand to screen his face, but both the girls saw him plainly, and, of course, they could not be mistaken."

"Is that all? Yes? Then please explain, surely, a little, more clearly, Florence. Who, to begin with, is that 'dreadful woman' and, even if Geoff were in a lady's carriage, what is the terrible iniquity you suspect him of?"

"I should have thought you would see that plainly enough," replied his daughter firmly. "That Geoffrey should be constantly coming down here without our knowledge, is, I am confident that he has been doing, surely enough, what he does not want us to hear about."

"Softly, my girl. Don't be so ready to believe evil of others—it is not sisterly. It is, indeed, scarcely Christian," said the Vicar, smiling; "but you cannot overlook the fact of his being in that woman's brougham," cried Florence indignantly, "he must come down to stay with her; there must be something very, very wrong in it, I am convinced."

"To begin with, Florence," interrupted her father, in his cool, matter-of-fact voice, "you must really request me to do more, to inform me who it is that you allude to when you speak of that 'dreadful woman'?"

"Yes, she said, laying her arm on his shoulder, "do not speculate about me—"

Her gentle touch stopped him at once. "He looked at her with a sort of hungry, questioning eyes."

"It does not matter; wherever we go I shall come just as I do now."

"Yes, she said, in a low voice, looking away from him with fixed, dull eyes over the wide grey-blue plain of Hidde House, up on the Downs."

"Madame de Brefour? Who is she dreadful!"

"She is not a Brefour—a foreigner! And she whom nobody visits; about whom there appears to be some unpleasant mystery. People are never mysterious unless they are guilty," added Miss Dane, angrily.

"She is very, very uncharitable," said his father, sternly. "Even if this poor lady were all you suggest it is unbecoming of you to speak of her like that. You ought to think the best."

She put up her hand.

"'Hush! you know if I told you I did not wish it, that you would not look at me—'

"Is that how it is to be, then?" he answered bitterly. "Are you going to banish me already?"

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On the Farm.

A FARMER'S ICEHOUSE.

To erect a building 13 by 12 ft. 10

ft. in height, not including the roof,

select a location somewhat sheltered

from the direct rays of the sun. Build

a strong stone foundation wall per-

fectly level for the sills to rest upon.

The inside of the wall must be solidly

banked around the earth. The sills are

6 by 8 in. strong and the joists, 4 in. in

width, are 2 by 8 ft. The inside boards

should be nailed to the studding cross-

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ROUND THE WHOLE WORLD.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE GLOBE.

Old and New World Events of Interest Chronicled Briefly—Interesting Happenings of Recent Days.

Single eyeglasses worn by women is the fad—seen by the latest London fashionably insanity.

All of the New Testament has been translated for the first time into one of the Australian native dialects by German missionaries.

Young Charles I's pale blue silk under-kilt worn by him on the scaffold and stained with his blood, brought \$1,022 at auction.

Queen Victoria.

Twenty-first birthday, who made the charge at Omdurman, the "Empress of India's" Lancers. They were known unofficially as the "Dumplings."

Municipal hours have palled on the British peers. Only two—the Earl of Sandwich and Lord Forester—have more than mayoralties this year; three years ago the office of Mayor was filled by eleven peers.

Two crocodiles in a circus at Bayeux, France, got into a fight in which a hind leg of one of the beasts was badly lacerated. A veterinary surgeon was called in, who amputated the leg successfully, the crocodile being as lively as ever.

President Faure's daily mail is said

to contain the average 700 letters which are begging letters, 150 in political matters, 100 petitions from criminals, 80 anonymous insults, and 20 threats of death.

Major Count Stolberg-Wernigerode, who killed a Sergeant with a blow of his sabre last fall on account of a hitch in the camp cooking, has been sentenced by a court-martial to be dismissed from the German army and to be imprisoned for forty months.

A license for stage plays, granted to the Cripplegate Institute, is the first such permission ever given by the Lord Chamberlain's office to a place within the walls of the city of London. The old City of London Theatre stood outside the walls, while in Shakespeare's time the Lord Chamberlain had nothing to do with the theatres.

Aittinghausen, a village in the Swiss canton of Uri, as one of the homes of William Tell try to keep up its reputation for shooting straight. Out of 500 inhabitants, 184, men and women are skilled rifle shots. The first prize in the last Schutzenfest was carried off by a 15-year-old girl. Her father, seven brothers and three sisters all shot in the family taking nine prizes.

Birmingham has received the offer of several important modern English paintings on condition that a suitable gallery be built for them. They include George Frederic Watts' "Aspiration" and his portrait of Burne-Jones, Holman Hunt's "The Triumph of the Innocents" and Burne-Jones' "The Merciful Knight," "The War of the Hespanides" and the "Pygmalion" series.

Mrs. Ann Smith of Worcester, England, 110 years of age, has spent over a hundred years of her life in traveling from fair to fair in a van. She has had sixteen children, and one of her daughters now 80 years of age, has also had sixteen. Mrs. Smith eats four meals a day, drinks sparingly, smokes a pipe steadily, and attends to all her household duties herself.

An English defaulter bank manager, who had eluded the police for three years by staying in a seaside village near Plymouth has been discovered by a strange accident. While walking on the beach with a young woman watching the warships a sailor on board the town, who happened to come to the town whence the defaulter had absconded, looked through a telescope and recognized him, and informed the police.

Following on the Mohegan wreck comes another strange disaster on the English coast. The cargo steamer Bluejacket, bound from Plymouth to Cardiff, on a clear night ran into the Longships Lighthouse at Land's End. The ship first struck the rock on which the lighthouse stands and was then pushed directly under it. While waiting for the lifeboats to come to their assistance the crew was converted with the lightkeepers above them.

Prof. Grassi's discovery that the Romanians are spread by a particular form of gout has been verified in a similar manner at the Santo Spirito at Rome. All attempts to apply the disease to animals and plants have not been successful, the experiment having been exposed to the world by his son, Dr. G. Grassi, who was then a medical doctor.

A child's mental faculties were found not to be properly developed until the age of eight years. From this age onward there was a steady increase of the amount of knowledge retained, so that in a certain time, up to the age of twenty years. At first, the brain power began to fall slowly at first, but proceeded rapidly after forty years was reached.

and called to be released. Justice Reuter directed the rescinding of the lease, as there was no doubt that an action against the school as a nuisance would succeed.

Prince Henry of Prussia, the Kaiser's sister-in-law, is about to make a sea voyage half way around the world against her will. The Kaiser called on her recently and told her that the Princess had a good right for her to spend Christmas with her husband in Kiao-Chou. The Princess thought he was joking, and said that she was content to suffer the lot of other sailors' wives and live in Kiao-Chou. However, she declared that he meant what he said, and that Prince Henry would not be recalled till the end of his term. Emperor was called to use his influence, and Princess Henry was obliged to submit.

PECULIAR JUSTICE.

Men of Africa think it should be administered.

He who runs may read—of his defeat the day after the election.

A woman never forgives a man his failure to ask to be forgiven.

It is sometimes difficult to distinguish between a butcher.

The man with numerous good points is more outgoing than sincere.

The best times when economy is more foolish than extravagance.

As soon as we can get along without it ceases to melt so rapidly.

Paradoxical as it may seem, a cook may get fat while wasting away.

Long hair on a man is very apt to cover a multitude of cranky ideas.

Lovemaking at a rattling gate has now been transferred to the parlor.

Throwing mud at a good man only results in soiling your own hands.

The law's delay doesn't apply to the passing of the bill.

Perfume is a teacher of mankind and some men will learn of no other.

There is a big difference between a workingman and a working politician. It's better to accept some statements than to bother hunting up the proofs.

Art may be long at times, but it's usually too short to make both ends meet.

When a man is riding a hobby it's always a good plan to give him a road.

A philosopher says that theorists are fools. This theory of his proves it.

Lots of men are unable to sit in their own canoe, much less paddle it.

In time of peace a soldier is about as useful as a sealskin cape in August.

Some feminine matchmakers seem to be a specialty of friction matches.

The more glasses a man looks through the more strange things he can see.

Too much of the repented now-a-days is done in broadcloth and ashes of roses.

There is no uncertainty about the age of the man who thinks he knows it all.

Some people flatter themselves when they are unable to get others to do it for them.

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Dogs that bark at night often bite the dust.

A sailing race often turns out to be a racing coil.

Many noted men are lost to sight after an election.

A rule may work both ways and still be a poor one.

Evil to the worm will turn—perhaps pain to the people.

The poor new suit is often but an "old dog."

Only the man with the little head brags of his small feet.

The man who never failed is unable to appreciate success.

The vegetarian certainly ought to be able to give sage advice.

The man who has the most enemies is the only one really worth hating.

When marriage is a failure the husband sometimes liquidates.

A good example may be a disease, but it is seldom contagious.

He who runs may read—of his defeat the day after the election.

A woman never forgives a man his failure to ask to be forgiven.

It is sometimes difficult to distinguish between a butcher.

The man with numerous good points is more outgoing than sincere.

The best times when economy is more foolish than extravagance.

As soon as we can get along without it ceases to melt so rapidly.

Paradoxical as it may seem, a cook may get fat while wasting away.

Long hair on a man is very apt to cover a multitude of cranky ideas.

Lovemaking at a rattling gate has now been transferred to the parlor.

Throwing mud at a good man only results in soiling your own hands.

The law's delay doesn't apply to the passing of the bill.

Perfume is a teacher of mankind and some men will learn of no other.

There is a big difference between a workingman and a working politician.

It's better to accept some statements than to bother hunting up the proofs.

Art may be long at times, but it's usually too short to make both ends meet.

When a man is riding a hobby it's always a good plan to give him a road.

A philosopher says that theorists are fools. This theory of his proves it.

Lots of men are unable to sit in their own canoe, much less paddle it.

In time of peace a soldier is about as useful as a sealskin cape in August.

Some feminine matchmakers seem to be a specialty of friction matches.

The more glasses a man looks through the more strange things he can see.

Too much of the repented now-a-days is done in broadcloth and ashes of roses.

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TESTIMONY.

THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A noteworthy fact is that the two sides of the leaf containing the St. Matthew are numbered a and b, and is also worthy of notice that the verso is uppermost.

As the arrangement is the quire of the two leaves forming the sheet is wholly uncertain, the question what is the right side of the leaf can only be answered by the examination of the book.

It is the opinion of the Logia of Christ that the right side of the leaf is the only one which contains the entire text of the "Oxyrhynchus Papyri."

The papyrus found by Messrs. Grenfell and Hunt is evidently once formed part of a sheet from a papyrus book which had originally been made of two leaves, one of each side of the leaf.

The arrangement is left, containing on the one side of each of these only the beginning of the text, the other side containing the beginning of the three lines written in good-sized uncials.

The second leaf is tolerably complete, and is written on both sides.

The first leaf is also written on both sides.

The second leaf is that containing Verses 1-9, 12, and 14-20, of the first chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel.

One or two days after the celebrated Logia was found by these gentlemen, the Gospel of St. Matthew, which is the only one of the four Gospels which has not been found, was also found.

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